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We join his family and countless well-wishers in mourning
the loss of an extraordinary leader.

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45 Indian pilgrims killed as tanker hits bus in Saudi Arabia

Collision sparked a massive fire that killed the passengers who were from Telangana; one person survived; Saudi authorities are probing incident

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HYDERABAD/NEW DELHI

Forty-five pilgrims from Telangana were killed after an oil tanker collided with their bus about 40 km from Medina in Saudi Arabia, in the early hours of Monday.

The collision sparked a massive fire that spread quickly through the bus, killing the passengers, authorities said. Among the victims were 20 women and 11 children.

The bus had stopped by the roadside when the oil tanker crashed into it, resulting in the explosion. Saudi authorities were investigating the circumstances leading to the incident, official sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed his condolences to the families of the victims and said Indian officials were in "close contact with Saudi Arabian authorities". Mortal remains of the deceased were transferred to three hospitals in Medina – King Fahad, King Salman and Al Miqat.

Painful moment: Telangana Minister Mohammad Azharuddin with the kin of a person who died in the accident. G. RAMAKRISHNA

"After the mortal remains are identified, families will have the option for repatriation to India or local burial at the Jannatul Baqi cemetery in Medina as per local customs," said a source familiar with the official exchanges between Indian and Saudi authorities.

Forty-six members of a group of 54 people, who had left Hyderabad for their pilgrimage on November 9, were on the bus, Tafseer Iqubal, Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order), Hyderabad, said during a press conference. All except one person perished in the blaze reported around 1.30 a.m. IST on Monday, he added.

However, another official said, "We are still waiting for an official list from Saudi Arabia to confirm the figures."

Officials from the Consulate General of India in Jeddah have met the lone survivor and are coordinating with hospitals to ensure medical treatment.

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Hasina, aide get death penalty over crackdown on 2024 student protests

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

A special tribunal in Bangladesh sentenced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death on Monday, after finding them guilty of crimes against humanity during the state crackdown on a student uprising in July-August 2024.

Former Inspector-General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, who turned a state witness and testified before the tribunal against Ms. Hasina and Mr. Khan, was sentenced to five years in prison after he admitted to his involvement in the crackdown of the protests that led to the fall of the Hasina government. Reacting to the development, Ms. Hasina said the charges were unjustified, arguing she and Mr. Khan "acted in good faith and were trying to minimise the loss of life".

Protesters outside the residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, former Bangladesh President and the father of Sheikh Hasina, in Dhaka. AP

"We lost control of the situation, but to characterise what happened as a premeditated assault on citizens is simply to misread the facts," the former Prime Minister said in a statement. "I mourn all of the deaths that occurred in July and August of last year, on both sides of the political divide. But neither I nor other political leaders ordered the killing of protesters," she added.

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Trade deficit surges to $21.8 billion in Oct.

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

India's trade deficit surged 141% in October 2025 to $21.8 billion due to surging imports, driven in large part by a festival-related jump in gold imports, and subdued merchandise exports, official data showed.

India's total exports in October 2025 stood at $72.9 billion, down marginally from $73.4 billion in October last year. India's total imports jumped to $94.7 billion in October this year, compared with $82.4 billion in October 2024.

Big increase

As a result, the trade deficit grew to $21.8 billion in October this year from $9.05 billion last year.

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CM-Kharge meeting inconclusive

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ministerial aspirants in the ruling Congress may have to wait as the Cabinet reshuffle is unlikely to happen immediately. A meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi, which had raised hopes among the Cabinet hopefuls, remained inconclusive on Monday.

According to sources, another round of discussion would be held by the month-end with all the central leaders before arriving at a decision.

It is learnt that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is opposed to the idea of Cabinet reshuffle as that would indicate that leadership change would not happen for now.

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Downward spiral: The current crop of Team India batters has become tentative against the spinners, a far cry from the days of the past when the Indians used to dominate slow bowlers of any quality. K.R. DEEPAK

From masters of spin to anything but that

The shift isn't a sudden development as the Indians have had their problems against the tweakers at home in the last decade or so

R. Kaushik
KOLKATA

Mohammad Azharuddin was an artiste in the truest sense of the word. An absolute entertainer who compelled attention with his mere presence on a cricket field. He glided across the turf effortlessly, seldom putting in a dive because he didn't need to, arriving at the ball that bit quicker than seemed humanly possible. And he had more time than most to play his strokes because he sighted the ball and summed it up early and played it as late as he could.

Contrary to mischievous innuendo from motivated quarters, he was a pretty good player of fast bowling. Otherwise, how could he have unleashed centuries in Cape Town (against Allan Donald, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener and Brian McMillan), Adelaide (Craig McDermott, Mike Whitney, Merv Hughes) and Faisalabad (Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, Saleem Jaffar)? He was excellent against seam and swing, evidenced by two Test tons apiece in England and New Zealand. But it was against spin that the wristy Hyderabadi was at his magical best.

Quick on his feet, hawk-eyed from the moment the ball left the bowler's hand till it made sweet contact with his bat and always on the lookout for runs because that was his organic mindset, Azharuddin saw gaps where mere mortals noticed fielders. He thought little of coming down the track, giving himself a little bit of room, to play the off-spinner on a turning track towards the less populated off-side. Likewise, when a left-arm spinner packed the off-side, Azharuddin brought his wonderfully supple wrists into play to target the on-side where there were runs for the taking. It was all against the natural order of things; coaches would baulk at his impunity, opponents would gasp at his mastery, but Azharuddin knew exactly what he was doing. Proof of the pudding? 6,215 runs from 99 Tests, average 45.03, more hundreds (22) than fifties (21).

What Gautam Gambhir wouldn't give now to have an Azharuddin in his playing XI? A Sachin Tendulkar or a V.V.S. Laxman, a Rahul Dravid, a Virender Sehwag or a Sourav Ganguly, even a Gambhir himself? What wouldn't he give to have batters unafraid to leave the crease to meet the ball, batters with the proverbial soft hands that keep slips and close-in fielders in front of the stumps at bay, batters forcing bowlers to bowl to their strengths while sacrificing their own?

It's now official – the days of Indians being considered the best players of spin are well behind us. Maybe that too is in the natural order of things because the only constant in any sphere of life is change. This shift from supreme dominance against slow bowling of any quality, even the highest one – ask Shane Warne and Muttiah Muralitharan, who were driven ragged by the ridiculous comfort with which they were dismantled on helpful tracks in India – to a more hesitant and uncertain approach isn't sudden or an overnight development. In the last decade or so, India's batters have had their problems against spin on pitches at home against, with due respect, slightly more than journeymen tweakers. Those problems aren't going to disappear in a rush, so maybe it's time to put the myth of India's felicity against spin to bed and work out other means through which to eke out World Test Championship points in their backyard.

There can't be any one single contributory factor to the declining dividends against the turning ball. For one thing, India's cricketers don't play enough domestic First Class cricket because for the most part, the international calendar doesn't allow them to. In the last year, a concerted push has been made to compel those not involved in national duty to turn out for their respective States. But by playing an odd match here and another one there, spread over a couple of months, they are not going to get any better against spin, even the decision-makers will agree.

Learning the tricks

The reason why Azharuddin, and then the likes of Dravid and Laxman after them, ended up handling spin with authority and composure isn't hard to see. Spin was the king in South Zone at the time, when the Ranji Trophy league phase was contested on a zonal basis. In the Karnataka nets, for instance, Dravid would spend hours playing the likes of Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, K. Jeshwanth, R. Ananth, sometimes even Raghuram Bhat. In Hyderabad, Laxman was confronted by Venkatapathi Raju, Arshad Ayub and Kanwaljit Singh, spinners of the highest calibre. When they played against Tamil Nadu and even Kerala, which had K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan and B. Ramprakash, they were exposed to top-class spin in a competitive setting. Pitches then, especially in the smaller centres, were not necessarily prepared as well as they should have been, which meant batters had to make further adjustments to produce the runs that would catch the eyes of the national selectors. By growing up against spin, they had no fear of getting out. This is not to say that they never got out to spin. It's just that they didn't second-guess themselves when they left their crease, they didn't just hang back and try to play the ball off the surface. They watched the bowler's hand closely, they looked for cues that would tell them a fraction of a second early what the bowler was planning to deliver, so they were already

The old-fashioned virtues of loop and dip and flight and deception have almost disappeared. Spinners, therefore, aren't as classical now as they once used to be, which automatically leads to batters not having adequate exposure to those elements

prepared in their mind to play the ball accordingly.

These worthies didn't stay away from playing for their states whenever the chance presented itself. Stories of the golden generation of Indian cricket, and those before them, such as superstars like Sunil Gavaskar and G.R. Vishwanath, practically getting off the aircraft after an overseas assignment and heading to the ground to represent their state, are legendary and inspirational. Therefore, even as their game against pace improved, they didn't lose their skills against spin, they didn't have to dig deep to summon the muscle memory that was once second nature. The constant grind of competitive cricket, coupled with a marked emphasis on the white-ball formats, has deprived subsequent generations of this luxury. Not many State sides have more than one accomplished spinner, in any case. In their formative years, both in the academies which have swamped the landscape and at the representative age-group levels, slower bowlers are almost discouraged from 'buying' wickets, like the Bishan Bedis and the E.A.S. Prasannas once did. Their brief is to keep things tight, to dart the ball at the batters if that's what prevents the boundaries from flowing. The old-fashioned virtues of loop and dip and flight and deception have almost disappeared. Spinners therefore aren't as classical now as they once used to be, which automatically leads to batters not having adequate exposure to those decisive elements.

Then, there is the matter of what kind of pitches we play domestic cricket on. Yes, there is a race for points to qualify for the Super League of the Ranji Trophy, but different bowling attacks have different strengths and therefore the square turners that Test batters encounter aren't commonplace at the domestic level. Even in the national team's 'nets', while the quality of spin is out of the topmost drawer, the practice pitches are true and predictable. How realistic is it then to expect even accomplished Test batters to tackle the spitting, turning, scooting ball with confidence and surety?

Use of feet is also a rapidly dying art form. A K.L. Rahul, for instance, still leaves the safety of his crease from time to time, but the 33-year-old isn't entirely a new-age batter in the strictest sense. So do Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rishabh Pant, entirely different beasts from Rahul who have only one thought in their mind - to clear the boundary. But plenty of other batters are reluctant to do so, for obvious reasons. Of course, there is no mandatory requirement for them to use their feet to come down the track because every batter has their own approach and there is no need to follow a templated blueprint, but one can understand the reluctance of most batters to stay put in their safety zone and go at the ball.

Lacking finesse

Twenty20 cricket has given the sport several wonderful new dimensions, with variety in bowling, the addition of new strokes to a once staid and conservative playbook, and the extraordinary rise in fielding and fitness standards topping the charts. Conversely, certainly unintentionally, it has also contributed to taking some of the finesse away from batting, specifically. Range- and power-hitting has become the norm and because batters have become stronger and more powerful and bats have become better with larger sweet spots without becoming commensurately heavier, sitting deep inside the crease and smiting the ball a million miles is the norm. Flat tracks in white-ball cricket encourage this mode of batsmanship. Mishits emanate from over-keenness rather than the ball turning or misbehaving like it does on a surface such as the one at Eden Gardens for the first Test against South Africa. It's a new-age reality one must reconcile to.

Does this mean India's batters will continue to struggle against the likes of Tom Hartley and Mitchell Santner and Ajaz Patel and Simon Harmer and Keshav Maharaj, some more accomplished than the others, at home when the pitches assist their craft? On the evidence of what one has seen in the last 13 months, the answer must be a resounding yes. India have the resources to best anyone anywhere, in any conditions, without trying to maximise home 'advantage'. Indians, players and followers, prided themselves on an unbeaten Test series streak in our backyard for 11 and a half years, until Tom Latham's New Zealand emphatically burst their bubble last November. That ought to have been a wake-up call, the ultimate affirmation that by laying out Bunsen burners, India were themselves bridging the gulf between their spinners and less celebrated ones from abroad. By refusing to heed that warning and bringing Harmer and Maharaj, a decidedly wily duo, into play against their batters who have found the heat too much to handle, India have shot themselves in the foot.

The writing on the wall can't be clearer. But, presumably, only to those willing to even look at the said wall.

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Lukewarm response to scheme for revenue properties to get 'A' Khata

The high conversion fee, which could run into ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh in most cases for a 30X40 plot, seems to be a big hurdle

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

A one time 100-day window by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) for revenue property owners to get 'A' Khata has received a lukewarm response. Of the estimated 7.5 lakh such properties, only about 2,000 revenue property owners have applied till date from November 1, when the window opened.

High fee

The high conversion fee (5% of the guidance value of the plot), which could run into ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh in most cases for a 30X40 plot, seems to be a big hurdle.

"My husband had bought a site in Yelahanka. He is no more. I have to now get it converted to 'A' Khata and it costs ₹3.6 lakh, which is hefty. How can I arrange the money within 100 days? There aren't even any EMI options like what Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) gave for pro rata charges for new connections," said Soubhagya G.S., a resident of North Bengaluru.

Opposition

Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal (Secular) have already termed it a "money making scheme" delivering little in reality to property owners. Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has even appealed to residents not to pay to get 'A' Khata now. He said once they "assume power in 2028," they will allow the same conversion at a very nominal price. However, the scheme was first proposed in the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) budgets of 2022-23 and 2023-24, when BJP was in power in the State. While the 2022-23 budget expected to raise ₹1,000 crore from the scheme, 2023-24 budget revised this to ₹1,100 crore. The modalities of the scheme, including what will be the conversion fee, were not revealed.

Only plots regularised

But the high fee is not the only issue, as only the plot is regularised and not the building on it. Earlier, the BJP government had brought in Akrama-Sakrama, a similar scheme to regularise building bylaw violations. A petition challenging the same is still pending before the Supreme Court.

Akshay Kumar, a resident of Jnanabharati, said that his family owns a revenue plot on which they have built a two-storeyed house.

"Now, as per the scheme, we will have to pay over ₹3 lakh to regularise our plot and get an 'A' Khata for it. But the building will not be regularised and we were told it would be done when the apex court clears the decks for the Akrama-Sakrama scheme, which means we will have to pay a huge fee again. The government is fleecing us in the name of regularisation," he said.

"The government is equally culpable for allowing development in revenue lands," he further said.

No clarity

There is no clarity on what penal action will the government take against property owners who do not pay the conversion fee and take an 'A' Khata for their plots under the scheme.

A senior GBA official said the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 has provisions for forfeiture of plots and demolition of buildings illegally developed on revenue lands.

'Opportunity given'

"All these years, people were asking for an opportunity to get their properties regularised. What will they have to say if the government moves for forfeiture or demolition, when an opportunity was given and they did not make use of it?" the official asked.

However, given the vast number of properties, such harsh punitive actions are unlikely, property owners argue.

"We have lived on these plots, which they call irregular, for so many years and faced no issues. Is it possible for any government to forfeit and demolish lakhs of properties?" a property owner asked.

Scheme to convert revenue properties into 'A' Khata properties

- 100 days window started on November 1
- Property owners have to pay 5% of the guidance value of the plot as conversion fee
- Estimated revenue properties - 7.5 lakh
- Number of property owners who have applied for conversion till date - around 2,000

Issues with the scheme

- Property owners complain that the fee is too steep and the time little to pay the same
- Only the plot is regularised and not the building on it, as Akrama Sakrama scheme meant to regularise illegal buildings has been challenged in the Supreme Court
- No clarity on penal action against revenue property owners who do not get 'A' Khata in the 100-day window.

Metro push to Tumakuru: BMRCL floats DPR tender despite debate over 'need'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid widespread public criticism, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Sunday invited tenders to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for extending metro services to Tumakuru, starting from Madavara on the existing Green Line.

The proposed 59.60 km line will include 25 stations in the northern part of the city.

According to the State government's earlier Budget estimates, the project will cost ₹20,649 crore. Interested contractors must submit their tender documents by November 20, and the bids will be opened the following day.

This move follows Home Minister G. Parameshwara's announcement that the government had accepted a feasibility report prepared by Hyderabad-based Aarvee Associates Architects Engineers & Consultants Pvt. Ltd. BMRCL had submitted the report to the government in May this year. The proposed extension falls under Namma Metro's Phase 4, which primarily focuses on extending existing lines. However, the project has triggered widespread debate over the need for such an expensive initiative when multiple other agencies are already working on improving connectivity to Tumakuru, which lies about 70 km from the city centre.

Railway Infrastructure Development Company Karnataka (K-RIDE) has proposed a suburban link to Tumakuru, and South Western Railway also has plans to expand infrastructure to improve connectivity between the two districts.

One of the key requirements in the DPR is the preparation of an Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) to ensure that all reasonable transportation alternatives are evaluated. The AAR will also outline the impacts of the project and present stakeholder opinions. Its primary objective is to identify the locally preferred alternative, offering clarity on the project's importance.

Criticism

Civic groups argue that a Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is more appropriate for inter-district connectivity than a metro line, which they say is better suited for intra-city use in places like Bengaluru. As the project crosses district boundaries, the groups also argue that travel costs could end up being higher than existing bus or train options.

L.S. Tejasvi Surya, MP for South Bangalore, questioned the proposal on X. "Tumakuru needs world-class connectivity to Bengaluru. No doubt. But is metro the right option?"

He added, "The Congress government is repeatedly getting the fundamentals wrong–from tunnel roads to inter-city metro proposals, these arbitrary and ill-considered decisions are denying citizens basic civic amenities."

The DPR should assess the existing city profile, land use, and transport characteristics and review earlier studies such as the Master Plan, Comprehensive Mobility Plan, and previous metro proposals. The consultant must analyse present and future travel demand through surveys, modelling, calibration, and ridership estimation.

Experts say Bengaluru does not have a mobility crisis, but a governance crisis

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the first of a dialogue series launched by WRI India on urban transport and mobility, experts stressed the importance of collecting and sharing relevant up-to-date data in solving Bengaluru's traffic crisis.

Pointing out that it was in 2015-16 that the last baseline survey of people's travel modes was conducted in Bengaluru by RITES, Madhav Pai, CEO at WRI India, noted that it wasn't made available in the public domain.

Despite modes of transport changing and shared mobility entering the picture, Bengaluru does not have exact data on the number of autos, private shared mobility and so on, he said.

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"Such data can be used to set up regulations such as the number of permits you give out and so on. But currently we are reliant on data by aggregators," he said. He also emphasised the need to create traffic engineering capacity institutionally to solve the perennial problem of potholes.

Naresh V. Narasimhan, architect and urban designer, remarked that Bengaluru did not have a mobility crisis, but a governance crisis.

"Flyovers and tunnels are just another fancy word for band-aids. Everybody is thinking in silos. There's no network thinking at all in the entire system. Forget about inter-agency data sharing, it doesn't happen even within mobility parastatals. We are focusing on the symptom and not on the cause, which is a fractured governance model," he criticised.

Venkat Chundru, director at Arcadis IBI Group & ASTraM, also agreed that the lack of data for decision making has been a curse for long, but suggested it was changing.

Wasted capacity

According to him, despite capacity being available in terms of road infrastructure, it was not always put to the right use.

"When we did the first run of a mobility digital twin in Bengaluru city, we realised 37% of the road capacity was lost or not being put to the right use for the rideability of traffic. There were encroachments, garbage dumps and many such things," he noted.

Mr. Chundru also added that on dividing the traffic congestion into recurring and non-recurring, recurring was found to be only 40%. "Around 60% of congestion was being caused by incidents such as breakdown, events, VIP movement etc. Once we have data coming in, priorities can be drawn out," he said.

People's role

Sathyanarayanan Sankaran, co-founder, UrbanMorph & Bicycle Mayor, highlighted the importance of people's role.

"Efficiency of existing road space is important. It may have its cost and, sometimes, that would mean people having to pay for parking and utilise paid parking services instead of choking service roads. The choices we make determine what the politicians and bureaucrats would provide us."

Obstruction at R.V. Road station delays metro train by 35 minutes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Metro services on the Yellow Line were disrupted on Monday morning after a group of individuals deliberately obstructed the departure of the first train at R.V. Road Station. The incident occurred during the scheduled 6.00 a.m. departure time, forcing the train to start 35 minutes late at 6.35 a.m.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) officials said that a few passengers from the Green Line, who took the 5 a.m. train and reached the R.V. Road interchange to board the Yellow Line, staged a protest because Yellow Line operations begin only at 6 a.m and they got frustrated as they were early. The commuters prevented the train doors from closing.

The police were called to the spot, and once they arrived, services resumed.

According to officials from BMRCL, the obstruction triggered a cascade of delays across the line. One train was short-looped at Central Silk Board to stabilise operations during peak-hour movement.

According to BMRCL officials, the obstruction triggered a ripple effect, causing delays across the Yellow Line on Monday. FILE PHOTO

BMRCL stated that individuals involved in such acts may face imprisonment, fines, or both under the Metro Railway (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002. A formal complaint has been lodged with the police.

The disruption comes shortly after BMRCL advanced the Yellow Line's start time from 6.30 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. from November 1, following the introduction of a fifth train-set. This upgrade also allowed peak-hour frequency to improve, reducing headway from 19 minutes to 15 minutes.

The corporation has appealed to commuters to cooperate and refrain from actions that disrupt operations.

BMRCL gets hoax mail

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru police are trying to identify the person who sent a hoax email to the BMRCL's official ID threatening to blow up a Namma Metro station.

Based on a complaint filed by Rathik Thomas, Assistant Executive Engineer (Cyber security), BMRCL, the police registered an FIR based on a court direction charging the accused under Sections 351(2) and 351(3) under BNS. According to the complaint, on November 13 around 11.25 a.m., the BMRCL office received a mail claiming that if the sender came to know that metro staff were 'harassing his divorced wife after duty hours', he would ensure that 'one of the metro stations gets blasted'. The sender described himself as a 'terrorist-like patriot against Kannadigas'.

Panathur Road reopens for traffic

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After more than 40 days, Panathur Road in eastern Bengaluru finally reopened for traffic on Monday, easing some of the load on HAL Airport Road.

The closure of the road had caused major traffic congestion, extending peak hours on HAL Airport Road by nearly an hour, as more than half of Panathur Road's commuters had shifted to this route, according to the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

A police officer from the HAL Airport Traffic Police Station told *The Hindu* that many commuters were still using alternative routes, unaware that the road had reopened.

However, traffic gradually shifted back to Panathur Road during the evening peak hour.

The civic body completed the white-topping work in the first week of November and sought 15 days of curing time from the police.

Citing already delayed work and heavy traffic diversion, the BTP granted only 10 days for curing and resumed vehicular movement on Panathur Road from Monday.

Deadline postponed

Originally scheduled to reopen on November 1, the deadline was postponed several times as BWSSB and BESCOM works delayed the white-topping project. The road had also triggered a war of letters between the Bengaluru Traffic Police and the East City Corporation, as previously reported by *The Hindu*.

Kadalekai Parishe off to an impressive start

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The historic Kadalekai Parishe, the city's iconic annual groundnut fair, commenced with grandeur on Monday at the Bull Temple, Basavanagudi, marking the beginning of an expanded five-day celebrations.

Rituals

The fair, deeply rooted in Bengaluru's cultural fabric, commenced with traditional rituals, including the customary worship of five cows. The event was inaugurated by Minister for Transport and Muzrai Ramalinga Reddy, Tejasvi Surya, MP, Ravi Subramanya, MLA, and others.

This year, the fair has been extended from two to five days, a move expected to push visitor numbers well beyond the four to five lakh attendees recorded last year. Decorative lighting now adorns Bull Temple Road, Gandhi Bazaar, and roads, enhancing the ambience across the Basavanagudi neighbourhood.

People at the Kadalekai Parishe at Basavanagudi. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Reiterating support for vendors, Mr. Reddy said: "As every year, we will not collect any toll or tax from roadside vendors. The fair belongs to the people, and we want everyone–especially newcomers to Bengaluru–to experience this heritage."

He added that he would examine the proposal to form a dedicated heritage tourism body.

Calling for a more structured approach to heritage promotion, Mr. Subramanya said: "Basavanagudi is home to some of Bengaluru's oldest temples. A heritage tourism circuit will not only preserve these landmarks, but also create a systematic way to showcase our city's legacy."

Teppotsava

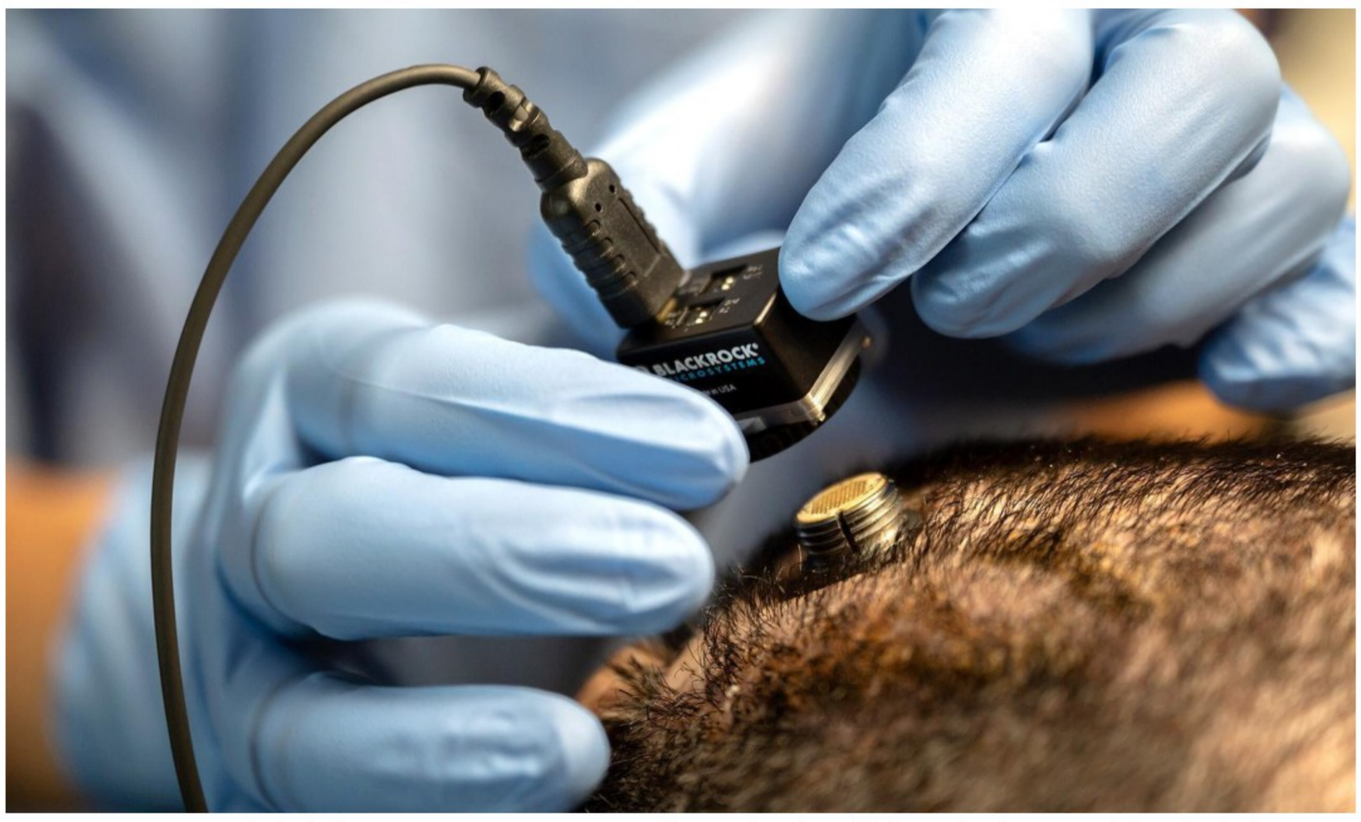
Highlighting the economic and cultural significance of the fair, Mr. Surya noted: "Groundnut farmers from across Karnataka and neighbouring States conduct business worth crores here. The fair reflects Bengaluru's blend of heritage and modernity." He also announced the revival of the teppotsava at Kempambudhi lake, encouraging families to bring children to experience local traditions.

The five-day event will feature cultural programmes every evening.

What are UNESCO's new guidelines for the use of neurotechnology?

Neurotechnology refers to devices and procedures that access, assess, and act on neural systems, including the brain; if the brain were a radio station, neurotechnology is the set of devices to help tune in; it merges advances in neuroscience, engineering, and computing to improve brain function

Neethu Rajam



A neurosurgeon at UCSF Medical School, prepares to connect an experimental brain implant that will help a paralysed person speak by reading his brain signals. PUBLIC DOMAIN

UNESCO issued the first global normative framework on the ethics of neurotechnology on November 5; this came into force on November 12. This recommended standard is designed to maintain a balance between innovation and human rights to protect the human brain and brain-related data from misuse.

Such misuse includes exploiting brain signals to follow persuasive messages, using brain data for political marketing, for deciding premiums in insurance, or even requiring applicants or employees to submit brain data tests to screen for suitability, stress tolerance, and hidden traits in an employment setting.

The emerging field of neurotechnology has made it possible to profile people in this way – and the UNESCO framework provides guidance for anyone studying, researching, and developing applications of this technology to prevent such harms.

Defining neurotechnology

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With advances in research and investments in projects like the U.S. BRAIN Initiative and Elon Musk's Neuralink, there is significant interest today in brain-computer interfaces, particularly those driven by artificial intelligence (AI). For example, AI-assisted neuroimaging can allow doctors to precisely detect tumours and identify the possibility of stroke in people.

Broadly, neurotechnology merges advances in neuroscience, engineering, and advanced computing to evolve solutions that improve brain function and enhance human capabilities – and it has made rapid strides. According to a UNESCO study published in 2023, public investments in neurotechnology already exceeded $6 billion. Private investment had already grown to $7.3 billion by the end of 2020.

While this growth has been linked to the prospect of human enhancement and promising benefits in medicine, such as alleviation of mental illnesses, overcoming physical disabilities, and improving palliative care, it also evokes numerous concerns.

Neurotech challenges

Neurotechnology allows neurodata – a.k.a. neural or brain data – to be decoded, giving rise to concerns about user privacy, protection against misuse, and informed consent among users.

To address them, the scientific community and political bodies alike have for some time now been seeking "neurorights" and ethical standards that help innovators prioritise the moral, psychological, and emotional protection of the brain.

Some "neurorights" have been formulated to encompass mental privacy, integrity, and liberty. And while they are yet to be codified, there is a general consensus that such rights are important when it comes to users interacting with neurotechnology.

Many jurisdictions have begun recognising some neurorights as well. Chile is the first country to protect "mental integrity" in its Constitution. The state of California signed a law in 2024 that protected people's brain data from being potentially misused by neurotechnology companies.

However, these initiatives focused on individual rights; until the late 2010s there were still significant gaps in the standards for R&D in neurotechnology research. In 2019, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) developed the first international standards on 'Responsible Innovation in Neurotechnology Enterprises,' which focused on the "responsible development" and the "responsible use" of novel technologies via responsible technology transfer.

It also drew attention to the use of intellectual property rights, including in the form of patents to protect neurotechnological invention and the development of patent pools (which allow multiple companies and/or inventors to come together to offer one shared licence so others can use the technology without negotiating many separate deals). This eases technology transfer as well as the sector's development.

The OECD guidelines also called for free licensing to allow economically developing countries to customise technologies to their needs and evolve strategic partnerships.

Three years later, in 2022, the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee published a report on the ethical issues of neurotechnology; among other things, it called for a comprehensive framework in governing neurotechnology innovations.

UNESCO's framework

UNESCO's new recommendations are the result of extensive consultations since 2021. The recommendations' framework focuses on human dignity, human rights, gender equality, social and global justice, and sustainable development – and recognises the vast potential of neurotechnology innovation for medical and assistive applications.

The recommendations are based on a three-pronged strategy: (i) defining the nature and scope of neurotechnology and neurodata; (ii) identifying the values, principles and offering directions to nations to incorporate the recommendations with a focus on particular sectors (health and education, among others); (iii) and considerations for vulnerable populations such as children and older adults.

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In this light, the recommendations say the following principles ought to govern neurotechnology innovation: beneficence, proportionality, no harm, autonomy and freedom of thought, protection of all types of neural data from misuse, non-discrimination, inclusivity, accountability, trustworthiness and transparency, epistemic justice, and protection of future generations.

In advancing these principles, the recommendations explicitly prohibit any use of neural or non-neural data for manipulative or deceptive purposes, including in political, medical and commercial contexts. They also heighten attention towards the principles of autonomy, free will, and informed consent in any valid uses of neurotechnology.

Implications for innovation

As noted in its preamble, the new framework aims to facilitate responsible research and innovation (RRI) approach in neurotechnology, both in the public and the private sectors. This involves formalising a strategy to achieve ethical and sustainable outcomes by systematically weighing the benefits along with the risks involved.

An RRI approach requires researchers to think ahead about the effects of a technology they are developing on people and the planet; involving the public and other stakeholders to join the conversation; and to shape their research to match society's values and needs.

While acknowledging the importance of this, the framework also calls attention to the role of intellectual property rights in incentivising neurotechnology innovation even as it invokes the risks associated with the commodification of the human body.

To this end, the recommendations call for an open science model so that research outcomes are freely available to everyone. Open science models work like a public library: the data, software, technology, and methods are to be shared openly so that anyone can verify, reuse, and/or build on it.

However this approach is inimical to intellectual property rights, which prize private control and licensing. Thus, a plan to implement open science in neurotechnology development will also require strong follow-through, more so since innovation incentives have for a long time now spurred neurotechnology research.

Innovation experts like Sebastian Pfotenhauer also have noted that while effective governance for neurotechnology must focus on the private sector, they must be encouraged to self-regulate using companies' ethics policies, ethics boards and ethics-by-design approaches to R&D.

Taken together, the recommendations framework contributes to a long-standing need for an ethical framework to govern neurotechnology innovation. However, fostering RRI within neurotechnology is less about choosing a single model and more about creating an ecosystem of innovation pluralism where different models coexist, informed by commitments to ethical principles and standards, such as the one now presented by UNESCO.

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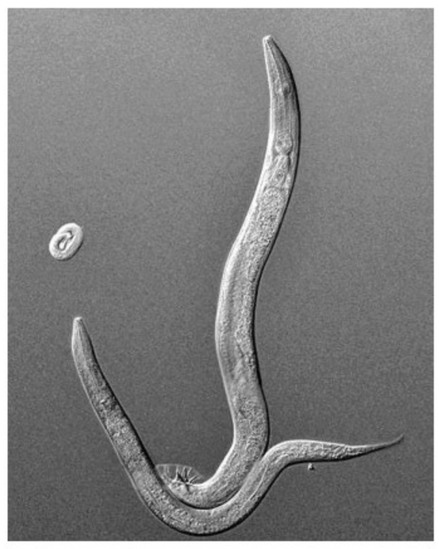

An image of *Caenorhabditis elegans* worms. MEGHA RAI/SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Roundworms do inherit what threats to avoid, but with a catch

Vasudevan Mukunth

Animals often meet the same threats across generations. A central question in biology is whether experience with a threat can be passed from parents to offspring in a way that changes the latter's behaviour.

In the roundworm *Caenorhabditis elegans*, one such experience is learning to avoid a dangerous bacterium called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain PA14. Previous work has suggested that worms exposed to PA14 can produce descendants that also avoid this bacterium, even though those descendants have never encountered it. Other researchers, however, reported that this inherited avoidance didn't reliably persist beyond the first generation, casting doubt on the phenomenon.

A new study by Illinois State University in the U.S. was designed to address this disagreement with an independent replication study. Working in a different laboratory, they closely followed the previous study's protocol and focused on whether learned avoidance could still be detected in the second generation, where previous results began to diverge.

The authors used a standard choice assay. The worms were placed on a plate where one spot contained their usual lab food, a harmless *Escherichia coli* strain called OP50, and another spot contained the pathogenic PA14. A compound called sodium azide was added to each spot to paralyse worms as soon as they arrived, so their first choice could be recorded. Worms were first 'trained' by spending 24 hours on PA14 or OP50, and then their preference, and that of their offspring and the offspring's offspring raised only on OP50, was tested in the assay.

After training on PA14, parental worms avoided PA14. Crucially, their descendants, which had never encountered PA14, also shifted to avoiding the pathogen

Naïve worms that had never seen PA14 showed the expected initial attraction to the pathogen over OP50. After training on PA14, however, parental worms strongly avoided PA14 in the choice assay. Crucially, their descendants, which had never themselves encountered PA14, also shifted to avoiding the pathogen compared to control worms whose ancestors had only seen OP50. The inherited effect weakened with each generation but remained statistically significant in the second generation descendants when the assay was run in tightly controlled conditions.

The findings were published in *eLife* on November 11. A companion article by Canada's Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Infectious Disease Research associate professor Lesley MacNeil, who wasn't involved in the studies, placed the findings in a broader debate about "transgenerational epigenetic inheritance". Dr. MacNeil contrasted the old and new study with a third set of studies that often didn't detect either the initial attraction to PA14 or its inherited avoidance when using a different method that immobilised worms by cooling the plate instead of using azide. This alternative method could have allowed the worms to contact PA14 during the assay and learn on the spot, blurring the difference between naïve and previously trained lineages.

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Pick up the phone

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QUESTION 1
An engineer named August Kruckow first used the ____ ____ in 1908. Later, it became the name of the signal that a telephone exchange sent to a telephone when a user lifted its receiver before dialling. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 2
When you press the buttons on a touch-tone phone, each number sends a unique combination of two sound frequencies down the line. What four-letter abbreviation describes this system of tones that lets phones and automated menus recognise which keys you pressed?

QUESTION 3
When you make an international phone call, your voice is often converted into flashes of light that race through slender strands of glass laid across the world's ocean floors. What is the common name for these light-carrying cables that form the backbone of global telecommunication?

QUESTION 4
On a phone call, you and your friend can talk at the same time and still hear each other, unlike with a walkie-talkie where you must take turns. What is the technical term for this ability to carry speech in both directions at once, which also ensures you don't hear your own voice back?

QUESTION 5
Before messaging apps became common, people used a simple phone service to send written notes limited to 160 characters, often typed on a numeric keypad, and originally transmitted on mobile networks' signalling channels. What three-letter abbreviation is this texting system known by?

Answers to November 13 quiz:
1. Flying mammals that shares a blood meal by mouth – **Ans: Vampire bats**
2. Desert-dwelling carnivores that takes turns to stand guard – **Ans: Meerkat**
3. Marine mammals known to support injured companions – **Ans: Bottlenose dolphins**
4. Antarctic birds that warm chicks in creches – **Ans: Emperor penguins**
5. Ocean migrants known to break up attacks on calves – **Ans: Humpback whales**

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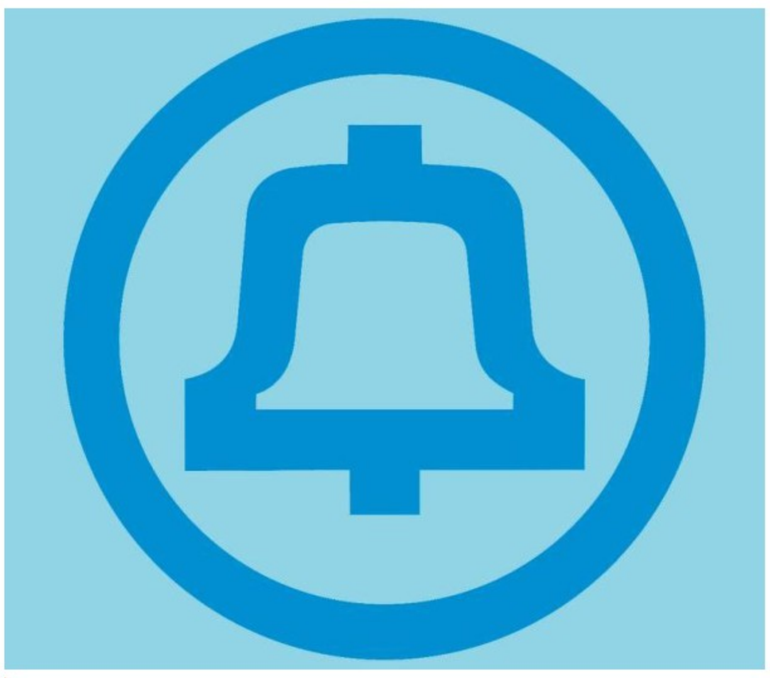

Visual: Name the historic antitrust lawsuit that resulted in the breakup of the entity denoted by this famous logo, with significant implications for telecommunications in the US. PUBLIC DOMAIN

FIR against unknown person over fake circular about holiday

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Saalumarada Thimmakka

The Central division cybercrime police have registered an FIR against an unknown person for creating a fake notification claiming that the Government of Karnataka had declared November 15 as a holiday for schools, colleges and government offices following the death of Padma Shri awardee and environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka, by forging the signature of a senior official.

On WhatsApp group

Based on a complaint filed by Elisha Andrews, Programme Director (ULMS), E-Governance on November 15, the police charged the accused under Section 66(c) (Identity theft) and summoned the admin of the WhatsApp group where the notification originated.

The fake notification was fabricated using digital photoshop tools and circulated on WhatsApp groups to spread misinformation and misguide people.

Ms. Andrews, whose details were misused to create the fake notification, asked the police to track down the accused and take legal action so that such mischief is not repeated.

The notification was circulated on several WhatsApp groups leading to confusion among parents and school managements.

Bengaluru and Melbourne to collaborate on urban solutions

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The civic administration of Melbourne, Australia gave a Letter of Intent to (GBA to collaborate on urban solutions on Monday.

Melbourne Mayor Nicholas Reece, handed over the LoI to Tushar Girinath, Additional Chief Secretary, UDD, on Monday, said that both cities look forward to developing AI-driven urban solutions that foster innovation and growth through collaboration.

Non-AC bus safari service resumes at Bannerghatta park

BENGALURU The non-AC bus safari service, which was stopped at Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru after a leopard attacked a woman on November 13, has resumed.

Woman loses over ₹31 cr. in 'digital arrest' scam

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BENGALURU

A 57-year-old senior executive of an IT company in Bengaluru was allegedly cheated of ₹31.83 crore in the course of one year by a gang posing as officials from a courier company, the Cyber Crime Department, CBI and RBI, in a meticulously planned 'digital arrest' scam.

According to the complaint, the victim received a call on September 15, 2024 from a person claiming to be from a well-known courier company. He claimed that a parcel booked in her name contained prohibited items. When the victim denied any connection with the parcel, she was told that her identity had been misused and the matter would be transferred to the cybercrime division.

The call was then diverted to individuals posing as officers of the CBI, who threatened her with arrest. They warned her against approaching the local police, saying her family's safety could be at risk as 'criminals were watching her'.

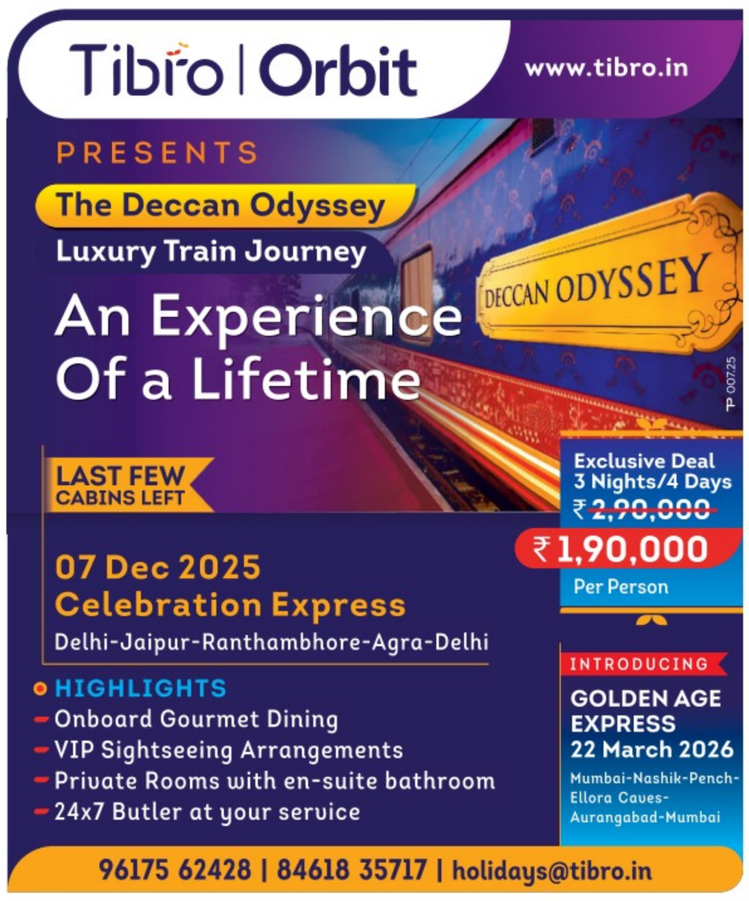
She was instructed to install Skypeand stay connected on video, with scammers keeping her under 'digital arrest' for days.

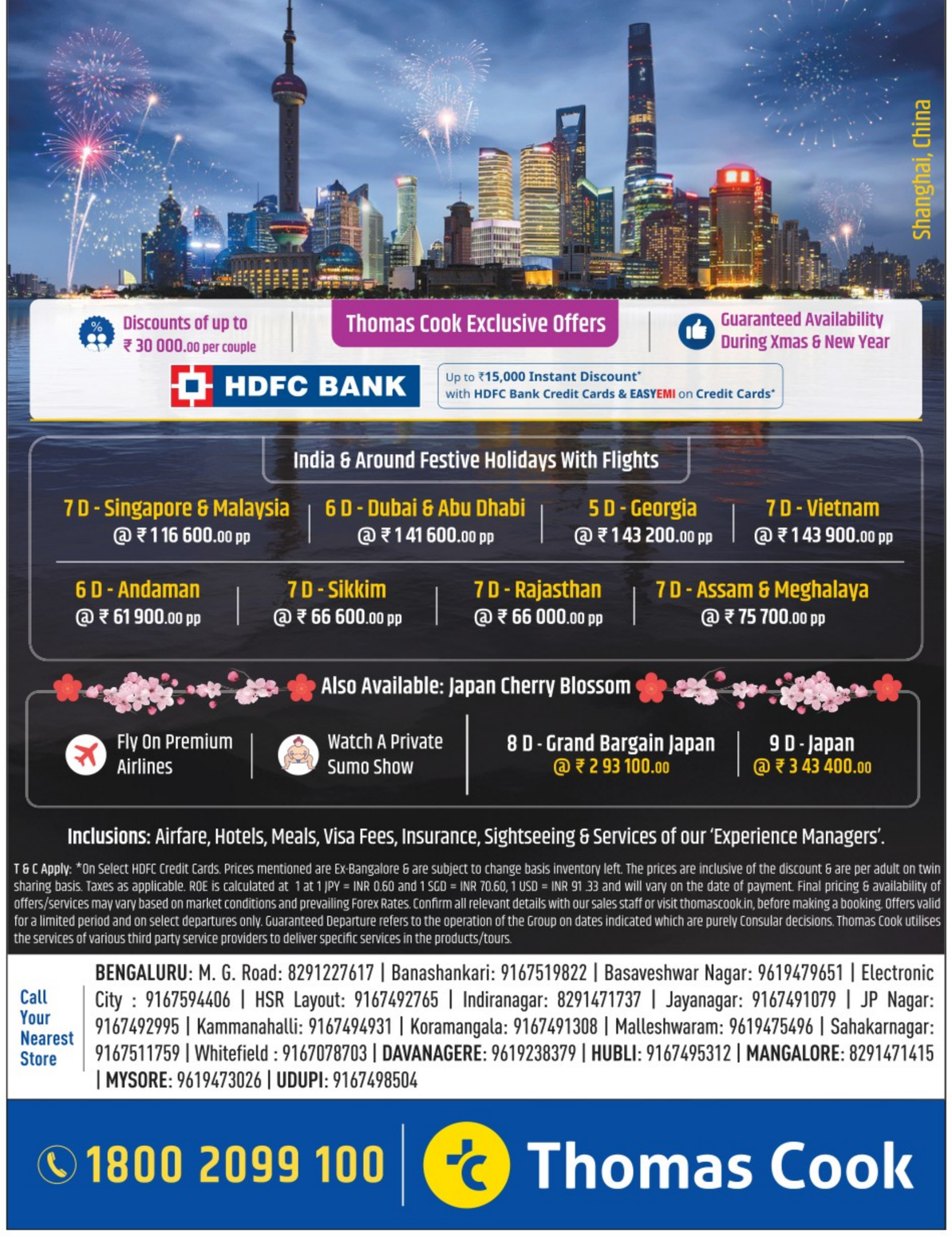
The complainant was allegedly shown forged documents and told that the gang had accessed her income tax filings. She was told to transfer 90% of her assets to certain accounts. Between September 24 and October 22, 2024, she transferred money after receiving fake letters.

The scammers continued to demand more money. From October 24 to November 3, the victim transferred ₹2 crore as surety and another ₹2.4 crore as 'tax' up to November 18.

On December 1, 2024, the complainant received a fabricated 'clearance letter'. Believing the ordeal was over, she went ahead with her son's engagement. However, she continued to be monitored by the fraudsters over Skype. She was last contacted by the gang on March 26, 2025, after which communication abruptly stopped.

In total, the complainant made 187 transactions amounting to ₹31.83 crore from her bank account. The police are now trying to track down the accused.





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NEWS IN NUMBERS

People detained in Assam over suspicions about identity, job

44 These people have claimed to be from Jammu & Kashmir, and were detained at the New Tinsukia Railway Station in Assam on Monday. The group had arrived by the Chandigarh Express and reportedly failed to clearly name the contractor who had invited them for labour work. PTI

Transformer failures highlighted in government review

1.3 In million. India records nearly 1.3 million transformer failures every year, a government committee has found, citing issues ranging from overloading to faulty repairs and weather-related damage. The Standardisation Cell meeting noted an average national failure rate of 10%. PTI

Ridership milestone reached by Navi Mumbai's metro line

1 In crore. Navi Mumbai Metro's first corridor has crossed the one-crore ridership mark within two years of its launch in 2023. The City and Industrial Development Corporation has credited frequent train operations and affordable fares for the surge. The agency announced that the line will be extended. PTI

The increase in print advertisement rates, as per government

26 In per cent. The government has raised print media advertisement rates by 26%, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced on Monday. The revision increases the black-and-white rate for newspapers with one lakh copies from ₹47.40 to ₹59.68 per sq cm. PTI

Tribal minors rescued from traffickers in Jharkhand

13 The Railway Protection Force (RPF) rescued 13 tribal minors, including 12 girls, from the Tatanagar Railway Station in Jharkhand while they were allegedly being trafficked to a yarn manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu. PTI

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The trajectory of anti-rape laws in India

By condemning the 1979 Supreme Court acquittal in a custodial rape case, Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai has highlighted India's evolving legal reforms aimed at better protecting sexual assault survivors and redefining consent

A better dawn: Bhanwari Devi, activist and sexual assault survivor, addresses a gathering at Sommaiyya grounds, Sion in 2018. FILE PHOTO

THE GIST

- The Chief Justice said the "troubling" judgment in *Tukaram versus State of Maharashtra* in 1979 became a turning point as the verdict brought the nation together in protest, for the legal system had failed to protect the dignity of the very person it was meant to safeguard.
- The September 1979 letter by Upendra Baxi, Vasudha Dhagamwar, Raghunath Kelkar and Lotika Sarkar pointed out to the judges the clear difference, both in law and common sense, between 'submission' and 'consent'.
- The brutal gangrape and fatal assault of a 22-year-old physiotherapy intern in a moving bus by six men on a December 2012 night had the nation rise in protest, demanding stricter laws to protect women and punish their attackers.

LETTER & SPIRIT

Krishnadas Rajagopal

Forty-six years after the Supreme Court acquitted two policemen in the custodial rape of a teenage tribal girl in Maharashtra, concluding she consented to the sexual intercourse as there were no visible marks of physical injury on her, Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai India called the judgment "a moment of institutional embarrassment". The judgment reflected a deeply regressive and patriarchal understanding of consent, effectively denying the social context of power, coercion, and vulnerability in which sexual violence often occurs.

The Chief Justice said the "troubling" judgment in *Tukaram versus State of Maharashtra* in 1979 became a turning point as the verdict brought the nation together in protest, for the legal system had failed to protect the dignity of the very person it was meant to safeguard. The acquittal ignited the women's rights movement for stronger rape laws in India.

It also forced Parliament to address the lapses in criminal law; to strengthen legal protections against custodial rape; to make punishments under the Dowry Prohibition Act more stringent; and to introduce the Family Courts Act. A series of Criminal Law Amendments, from 1983 to the spirit of changes made in sexual offences' provisions in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in 2023, trace their spirit to the top court's "institutional failure" in the Mathura rape (*Tukaram versus State of Maharashtra*) judgment.

The trajectory of the case

The 1979 judgment, which further condemned a custodial rape survivor, was pronounced even before the "the ink had dried" in Justice Krishna Iyer's verdict in the *Nandini Satpathy* (1978) case. The court, speaking through Justice Iyer, condemned the practice of calling women to police stations and declared that a woman must be questioned by the police only at her residence.

The incident in the Mathura rape case happened in March 1972. The rape survivor, an orphan aged between 14 and 16 years, was one among four who were called to the police station at night. After a brief questioning, she was asked to stay behind while the others were asked to leave. She was subjected to sexual assault by two policemen, a head constable and a constable inside the police station. The trial court, in its judgment, found the rape survivor a "shocking liar" whose testimony "is riddled with falsehood and improbabilities". The court came to the conclusion that she had sexual intercourse while at the police station but rape had not been proved and that she was "habituated" to sexual intercourse.

The Bombay High Court, in 1976, overturned the Sessions Judge's findings and concluded the teenager was subject to forcible sexual intercourse amounting to rape. The High Court had held that the so-called 'consent' to act was only 'passive submission' by a helpless victim to persons in authority whose advances she could hardly repel by herself. In an appeal by the two policemen, the Supreme Court set aside the High Court judgment, agreeing with the petitioners that the "alleged intercourse was a peaceful affair" as there were no marks of injury on her person.

A letter which shook the nation

What brought the Mathura rape case into national consciousness and sparked outrage was a letter written by four intellectuals to the court in September 1979, shortly after the acquittal of the two accused policemen.

The September 1979 letter by Upendra Baxi, Vasudha Dhagamwar, Raghunath Kelkar and Lotika Sarkar pointed out to the judges the clear difference, both in law and common sense, between 'submission' and 'consent'. Consent involves submission; but the converse is not necessarily true. Nor is absence of resistance necessarily indicative of consent, they argued.

The letter pointed out that there was not a single word in the judgment condemning the very act of calling a teenage girl and detaining her at the police station in gross violation of the law. Nor was there a single word in the judgment condemning the use of the police station as a theatre of rape or submission to sexual intercourse. "The Court gave no consideration whatsoever to the socio-economic status, the lack of knowledge of legal rights, the age of the victim, lack of access to legal services, and the fear complex which haunts the poor and the exploited in Indian police stations. May we respectfully suggest that you and your distinguished colleagues visit incognito, wearing the visage of poverty, some police stations in villages adjoining Delhi?" the letter had challenged the Supreme Court judges.

Myriad amendments

The public furore following the 1979 judgment led Parliament to introduce the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1983 in which custodial rape was included as a separate offence under Section 376 of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code (IPC). The amendment shifted the burden of proof in custodial rape cases from the rape survivor to the accused if the fact of sexual intercourse was established. The top court framed the Vishaka guidelines against sexual harassment at the workplace when a public interest petition was filed after the gangrape of Bhanwari Devi, a Kumhar woman and an auxiliary nurse midwife, who raised her voice as part of her job against child marriage, especially in upper caste families.

The brutal gangrape and fatal assault of a 22-year-old physiotherapy intern in a moving bus by six men on a December 2012 night had the nation rise in protest again, demanding stricter laws to protect women and punish their attackers. The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013, loosely crafted on the recommendations of the Justice J.S. Verma Committee, introduced, among others, provisions to punish police officers who do not record an FIR in sexual violence cases against women, or hospitals which do not provide free care to sexual assault victims. The 2013 amendments broadened the definition of rape as in Section 375 to include acts other than forcible sexual intercourse.

Most importantly, it clarified that silence or a feeble no by a woman cannot be translated as a 'yes'. Besides, the amendments raised the age of consent from 16 to 18 years.

The amendments awarded death penalty to repeat offenders or if rape led to the death or 'persistent vegetative state' of the victim.

The Unnao and Kathua rape cases of 2017 and 2018 compelled Parliament to usher in further amendments to make criminal laws for sexual offences against women more stringent. In the Unnao case, former BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar was convicted for the kidnap and rape of a minor girl.

The Criminal Law Amendment Act of 2018 provided death penalty as a punishment in rape cases in which the victims are below 12 years of age. The 2018 amendments also included a minimum of 20 years imprisonment if the victim is under 16 years of age. The amendments fast-tracked investigation as well as the trial and appeal proceedings in rape cases – two months to complete a probe and trial, and six months to wrap up appeals.

Finally, the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2023 through the BNS, made sexual offences against women and children gender-neutral for both the victims and the perpetrators. It uniformly made gang rape of a woman aged below 18 years punishable with death or life imprisonment. The BNS also brought in new offences like sexual intercourse under false pretences and broadened the definition of sexual harassment.

Among the items which were returned to passengers, bags accounted for the most. FILE PHOTO

Over 30,000 lost items found at KIA this year

Hemanth C.S.
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On October 20, Jaskaran Singh, a passenger from Chandigarh who arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) had left behind his backpack on an airport shuttle bus.

He realised that he had forgotten his backpack before checking in and approached the airport staff about the missing bag.

The staff traced the bus in which Mr. Singh travelled using an UPI transaction he made, recovered the backpack and handed it back to him.

Mr. Singh had shared this incident on X (formerly Twitter) which received several re-posts and appreciation from users on the platform.

Incidents like this routinely take place everyday at the airport, items left behind by passengers are recovered by airport staff and handed back to them.

According to the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) officials so far this year a total of 30,842 lost and found items have been received at the airport.

"Out of these, 10,605 items have been successfully identified and handed over to their rightful owners," an official told *The Hindu*.

Among the items which were returned to passengers, bags accounted for the most, 2,850 bags were returned to passengers followed by electronic devices (1,779) and watches (941).

The official said that BIAL has a dedicated team to handle lost and found articles and can assure passengers that anything that the Lost & Found Department receives will be stored safely.

"To ensure owners are able to track their belongings, all details of the items found in the airport are regularly uploaded on the airport website, along with the procedure to claim their belongings. Owners, whose details are available, are contacted to hand over their belongings," the official said.

The official added that items found are retained for a period of one month from the date of deposit and are disposed of, if not claimed within this period.

"Indian passports are posted to the Regional Passport Office while foreign passports are sent to the respective embassies after a 30 day-retention period. Bank cards, cheque books and pass books are disposed of after 48 hours. Perishables such as food are disposed of within 24 hours," the official further added.

For the owner of the item to recover the lost item he or she will have to submit a copy of boarding pass, details of items being claimed (verification) and valid Government photo-ID proof.

If someone else has been authorised to claim the item, documents like valid Government photo-ID proof of the owner of the item, valid Government photo-ID proof of the individual authorised to collect the item, copy of boarding pass and letter of authorisation from the owner of the item, with details of the article being claimed will have to be submitted.

CISF personnel foil attack bid at airport

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Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel caught an armed cab driver on the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) premises on Sunday night who was allegedly about to stab two other cab drivers.

It was around 11.59 p.m. when CISF personnel noticed a man running towards two taxi drivers with a knife near the arrival lane of Terminal 1. Assistant sub-inspector Sunil Kumar, assisted by two of his colleagues, overpowered the attacker, identified as Sohail Ahmed, and seized the weapon .

A preliminary inquiry revealed that he was familiar with the targeted taxi drivers – Jagdish J.R. and Renu Kumar. Ahmed reportedly told the officials that he had been assaulted earlier by Jagdish, Renu, and another taxi driver, Gangadhar Angadi.

The CISF personnel handed over the accused along with two of the cab drivers to the KIA police station for further action.

Human heart swiftly transported through Namma Metro

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) facilitated the rapid transportation of a human heart on Monday evening, ensuring timely delivery from Aster RV Hospital to Narayana Hrudayalaya.

At 7.26 p.m., a six-member medical team arrived at Ragigudda Metro Station with the organ container and boarded the train at 7.32 p.m. The train reached Bommasandra Station at 7.39 p.m.

The organ was then swiftly transferred to a waiting ambulance, which arrived at Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital at 8.12 p.m.

This marks the fifth successful human organ transportation supported by Namma Metro, a press release added.

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASC CENTRE & COLLEGE AGRAM - POST, BANGALORE-560007
Phone: 080 25550677 :Website www.apsasc.edu.in

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited for **Chairs, medium back mesh for Conference Hall** of Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C&C). Tender Enquiry/Form can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.250/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C&C) from 19 Nov 2025 to 26 Nov 2025 (0930hrs to 1230hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 27 Nov 2025 at 1100 hrs.

P O / Member 1,
For School Management

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TENDER NOTICE

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P O / Member 1,
For School Management

Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029
Phone: 080-29753354/56, Email: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com

No: KBOCWWB/NOTIFICATIONS/2025-26 Dated: 17-11-2025

Short Term e-tender Notification

Tender is hereby invited by Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board from interested Agencies as per Terms and conditions described in the Bid documents for below mentioned.
Selection of an Agency to provide Consultancy services for Preparation of Structural designs including structural drawings and service drawings for the Construction of 31 Shramik Residential School Buildings in various districts of Karnataka (Short-Term Tender).
Tender shall be submitted electronically through K.P.P.Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of the Government of Karnataka. Last date of submission of above tender is on **26-11-2025 up to 5.00 pm.** For further details and information can be obtained from the Joint Secretary, KBOCWWB during office hours.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary,
KB&OCWWB

DIPR/CP/3863/HITEC MEDIA/2025-26

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASC CENTRE & COLLEGE AGRAM - POST, BANGALORE-560007
Phone: 080 25550677 :Website www.apsasc.edu.in

TENDER NOTICE

Refer our AD published in 'The Hindu' page 8 dated 18 Oct 2025. Sealed quotations are invited for **24 x Table individual control conference micro phones for each chair Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C&C).** Tender Enquiry/Form can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.250/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C&C) till 26 Nov 2025 (0930hrs to 1230hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 27 Nov 2025 at 1100 hrs.

P O / Member 1,
For School Management

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100
No. PWD/SR./Dn/AE/IFT/3054 SH/MDR/2025-26/2463 Date: 15.11.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-3

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)

(1) The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents
(Total: 1 Work)
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **24-11-2025 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **25-11-2025 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **26-11-2025 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **27-11-2025 @16.00.00**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1505/25-26 Dt.17.11.2025

Government of Punjab
OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR-CUM-DIRECTOR STATE TRANSPORT, PUNBUS, PUNJAB. (JEEVANDEEP BUILDING SECTOR 17-A CHANDIGARH PH: O172-2704606)

No. 979/IT CLERK-3/PUNBUS Date: 17/11/25

E-NOTICE INVITING BID

Punjab State Bus stand Management Company (PUNBUS) online e-tender is invited from the established, reputed and experienced bidders in two bid system (Technical & Commercial) for "Selection of Bidder for Implementation of Online Passenger Reservation System (OPRS) & Online Reservation System (ORS) in PUNBUS/PUNJAB ROADWAYS and PRTC on "Design, Develop, Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) Model". Please contact helpdesk No. 0172-2704606

1. Tender Document uploading date: 18-11-2025 at 12:00 PM
2. Payment mode: Online through NEFT/RTGS/IPG/Net Banking
3. Pre-bid meeting: 26-11-2025 at 11:30 AM in the office of MD, PUNBUS
4. Last date and time of queries 28-11-2025 at 03:00 PM IST (email id: **editpunbus@gmail.com**)
5. Date of Technical Bid opening: date: **16-12-2025 at 04:00 PM**
6. Last date of downloading/uploading (submission) of documents: **16-12-2025 at 02:00 PM**

For participating in the above e-tender, the Bidder shall have to get themselves registered with http://eproc.punjab.gov.in and get ID & password. Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process.

Executive Director (IT),
PUNBUS

1746/12/2025-26/4420

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.: 35/MYS/2025
Dated: 10.11.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Birur Jn - Chikjajur Jn. (RRB-JRU) Section: Construction of pedestrian subway at Km. 211/800-900 between Birur Jn. - Nagavangala (RRB-NVF) stations in connection with Increasing Sectional speed upto 130 kmph. **Sub Work-1: Birur Jn - Chikjajur Jn. (RRB-JRU) Section:** Construction of pedestrian subway at Km. 211/800-900 between Birur Jn. - Nagavangala (RRB-NVF) stations in connection with Increasing Sectional speed upto 130 kmph. **Sub Work-2:** Launching of RCC box segments for pedestrian subway at Km. 211/800-900 between Birur Jn. - Nagavangala (RRB-NVF) stations.	Rs. 5,08,17,244.00

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03.12.2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Mysuru
PUB/645/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26
Download the UTS Mobile App from Google Play Store for ease of booking of unreserved tickets
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRAILWAYHQ | sw_railways

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, our client has proposed to purchase the Schedule property from its present owners **Mr.Pratap Singh** and Ms.Meghna Singh, Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7 days from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Apartment No.3068, situated on Level/Floor-6, Tower No.3, in building No.1, in project viz., "PRESTIGE PRIMEROSE HILLS" and apartment measuring 642 Sq.Ft. of Carpet area and 343 Sq.ft proportionate share in common areas, total measuring 985 Sq.Ft. of Super built up area and 404 Sq.Ft. of UDS, one covered Car Parking space No.UB056 in the upper basement floor and the apartment is separately bearing Municipal No.5931703086, Property No.272/3068/7/3/7/5, 7/10, 7/4, 7/2, 7/3068, situated at Uttarahalli Manavarthe Kaval, Municipal Ward No.198 of Hemigepura, Bengaluru.

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM.
No.23, "Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.
Mob:98441 55041, 9620579310.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that, my clients, **Miss. BHAVANA.U,** Aged about 30 years, D/o. Mr. Uttamchand Jain, **PAN No.CGAPB2717D Aadhar No. 960738717565,** R/at. Flat No.501, 5th Floor, Pancharathna Race-view Apartments, No. 15/1, 6th cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009, and **SRI. PADAMCHAND BOHARA,** S/o. Late. Gulab Chandji Bohara, Aged about 63 years, **PAN: ACXPB0078Q, Aadhaar No. 9225 9632 8061,** R/at. Flat No.8B, Tower-2, Svasa Homes, Off Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560 019, are **intended to purchase,** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **No.71/C-1,** New PID **No.1047937216,** Ramakrishna Mutt Layout, K.G. Nagar, Bangalore, Old Ward No.49, New Ward No. **142- Sunkenahalli,** PID No. 49-38-71/C-1, measuring **East to West** on the Northern Side 36.6 feet, East to West on **Southern Side 33.6 feet (36.6+33.6)2 = 35.1 and North to South 52 feet, in all measuring 1825 sq. ft., or 169.56 sq. meters** together with 150 square feet RCC Roofed house and not having any civic amenities and is bounded on the: **East by : Drain, West by : Road, North by: Property No.73, South by: Property belongs to H.M. Hanumanthappa., from Dr. PRASHANTH.G,** Aged about 40 years, S/o. Mr. M.H. Ganesh, R/at. No.132/18/1, "Samartha", Hotteppa Layout, Amruthahalli, Bangalore-560092, **PAN No. AZLPM6255D, Aadhar No. 600747508001.**

Any person/s claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of Sale, Gift, Lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachments, Maintenance or otherwise, or any one having any claim over the said property or any other claims by any person/s, agreement Holders, MOU, sale transactions, Nationalized banks, MNC Banks, Private Banks, Co-Operative Banks any Financial institutions, Governed by the RBI Rules or Private Financers may lodge their objections in writing within **10 days** from date hereof, to the under mentioned Advocate. Failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same if any, shall be considered as waived.

S.SHABEER, Advocate,
S.S. Law Associates & Legal Consultants
No.12A, I Floor, HHS & HMS Complex,
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore -560 002

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

Open E-Tender Notice No: RWP/STORES/WORKS/ADVT/25-26/12, Dated: 13.11.2025. Tender No. S_RWP_TPT_RAIL_2025-26_02 Due on 12.12.2025. "Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the President of India invites online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in** for transportation of Scrap Rail. **(1) Name of work with its location, Qty and completion period:** Transportation of Scrap Cut Rails. The above work involves (i) Collection of Scrap Rails at Various Railway Units/Locations (ii) Cutting of scrap Rails to a length size measuring up to 3 (three) Meters (iii) Loading of the Scrap cut Rail in to the vehicle (iv) Transportation of scrap cut Rail from various locations of Indian Railway to Rail Wheel Plant Bela, Saran, Bihar-841221 under distance slub 501-1000KM (taking average lead distance 750KM). Unloading at destination shall be done by Railway. Qty. 3432000 MT-KM Completion period: 12 months from the date of issuance of LOA. **(2) Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 1,66,79,520.00 **(3) Earnest Money to be Deposited:** Rs. 2,33,400/- **(4) Tender closing date and time:** 12.12.2025 up to 14:15 hrs. **(5) Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in**. The prospective firms/ bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**) for updates including Addendum/ Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

For Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2025-26/78

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
COMMISSIONERATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
No.05, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

Roc.No. 3729 /A&A/RIGHTS/2025 **TENDER NOTICE** Date : 13.11.2025

Bids are invited from eligible Bidders for the supply of Assessment and Therapy Equipment for 74 Block One Stop Centers across the 5 districts of Ariyalur, Karur, Dindigul, Madurai and Tirupathur through the e-procurement portal

The complete bidding documents and detailed information are available on the Department website **www.scd.tn.gov.in** as well as on the e-procurement portal **www.tntenders.gov.in**

Bids shall be submitted only through the e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in.**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS /Commissioner, Commissionerate for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 6184 /TENDER/2025

Project Director – RIGHTS /
Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL-TIPTUR
TUMKUR DIST.
For Tender Details KPPP Portal Website: (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)
No: CMC/Tip/Tech/CR/98/2025-26 Date: 13.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

As per KTTP Act 1999-2000 Rule 2000, Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Tiptur was invited Tender for Works under grants from eligible contractors who was registered in Public Works Department Tenderer can participate Tender for the following works in KPPP Portal website **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Note: For more Information contact office during working hours.**

KPPP Portal

Sl. No.	WORK INDENT	Tender cost (Rs. Lakhs)	EMD Rs.	Last Date of Tender	Date for Opening Tender
1	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 49383/Call-3	75.00/-	1,50,000/-	17.11.2025	18.11.2025

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
CMC Tiptur
ಪಾಸಾಸಂ/ತುಮಕೂರು/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.340/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2025–26

THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ
A Newspaper exclusively curated for School Students

FIS INTRA-SCHOOL MUN

Freedom International School hosted their second Intra-school Model United Nations, organised on popular demand by students of Grades 6 to 11. More than 100 delegates engaged in discussions across four committees — UNHRC, AIPPM, CCC and DISEC — displaying strong research, diplomacy and debating skills. Many first-time participants performed with commendable confidence. The event was led by Secretary-General Sarah Susan and supported by Anwesha Adhikari, who headed the Logistics team. Their efforts ensured a smooth and enriching conference that strengthened students' leadership and diplomatic abilities.

KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA CELEBRATED

JSS Public School, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru–70 celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with great enthusiasm at the Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Auditorium. Dr M. Leelavathi, retired Principal of National College, attended as the chief guest, and the event was presided over by the principal, Mrs Gowri B. Nataraj. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and featured group songs, dances and poem recitations by students. Teachers, non-teaching staff and students participated wholeheartedly, contributing to a vibrant celebration that highlighted the school's cultural spirit.

NCC BOYS RAISING DAY CELEBRATED

Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra, Banashankari, marked NCC Boys Raising Day with great pride under the aegis of the 6 Karnataka Battalion. The occasion was graced by Co. Lt Col Kush Shandil, Ao. Lt Col Parminder Singh Pakhredia and Sub SB Singh, whose presence motivated cadets to uphold the NCC motto of "Unity and Discipline." The programme included a ceremonial welcome, hoisting of the NCC flag and a disciplined parade showcasing the cadets' training and commitment. The Management, Principal and Staff appreciated the cadets' dedication, encouraging them to continue serving with integrity and patriotism.

For Subscription related queries, please contact Raghavendra Desai:
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Regional Office :
Mandya, No. 4 F, Vivekananda Nagar,
Chikka Mandya Kere, Mandya - 571401
Email id : recmandyaro@canarabank.com

GOLD E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **24-11-2025** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public E-auction at the cost of the borrower through **www.gerpegov.com/canarabank** on **25-11-2025** or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

SL. No.	Date Of Loan	Loan Number & Branch	Name and Address of the Borrower	Gold Loan Liability
1	18-08-25	164091484077 NERALUR	C T KRISHNA S/O THIMMEGOWDA NO 54, C B DODDI IGGALUR, CHANNAPATNA 562138	22,545.00
2	29-07-25	180422362332 NERALUR	C T KRISHNA S/O THIMMEGOWDA NO 54, C B DODDI IGGALUR, CHANNAPATNA 562138	86,874.00
3	08-07-24	180318902922 NAGAMANGALA	DINESHA S/0 SHIVANANJEGOWDA THYAPENAHALLI, HULIKERE GP, KASABA HOBLI NAGAMAGALA 571432	84,707.00
4	12-06-24	164016743864 CHANNAPATNA	UMA B W/O PRABAHAKAR B BUKKASAGARA, CHANNAPATANA 562160	1,21,197.00
5	15-03-25	180395963716 VEERA GOWDANA DODDI	SHALINI S C/O MANJU R, HANCHIKUPPE MADABAL HOBLI, MAGADI 561201	44,615.00
6	27-09-24	180344040434 MALAVALLI	MOHAMMED ALI JAKEER S/O MOHAMMED NOORUDIN KALAMMANA GUDI BEEDI, KOTE, MALAVALLI 571430	1,40,300.00
7	31-05-24	164012948764 GENDE HOSAHALLI	MARAKKA W/O NARAYANA, GENDEHOSAHALLI ARAKERE HOBLI, MANDYA 571415	10,966.00
8	09-01-25	180376393870 GANANGUR	GOWRAMMA W/O NAGARAJU NO 30-1, GANANGUR, SRIRANGAPATNA 571807	1,92,751.00

The said auction is on the following conditions:

1) It is 'as is where is' condition.
2) The successful bidder shall pay the entire bid amount at once with in 3 days and take delivery of the ornaments at his/her absolute risk and responsibility and the said bidder shall not have any recourse to our Bank for any reason whatsoever.
3) The Bank reserves its right to put to auction all or any of the ornaments pledged in the account as considered necessary or stop auction at any time without any prior notice and at its absolute discretion.
4) The Bank has absolute discretion to either reject or accept any bid without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
5) The Bank has right to adjourn/postpone the auction sale at any stage to any future date at the convenience of the Bank and no person shall be entitled to claim any prior notice or right therefore.
6) If the successful bidder does not clear the bid amount and/or does anything which may give rise to a necessity of adjourning/postponing/holding fresh auction sale, he/she shall be liable to indemnify the Bank to the extent of loss, if any, caused on account of his/her lapses which may come in the way of completing the auction.
7) Last date for Depositing EMD: **24-11-2025 by 4.00 P.M**, EMD has to be deposited to the respective branch.
8) If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Bank without any notice and gold shall forthwith be put up for sale again.

Date : 18-11-2025
Place : Mandya

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

FULL CONTEXT

Burning embers: Statues of freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru at their memorial at Hussainiwala border, Ferozepur, Punjab in 2022. R.V. MOORTHY

Remembering Batukeshwar Dutt, the forgotten comrade of Bhagat Singh

Celebrated briefly for his role in the Delhi Assembly bombing, Batukeshwar Dutt, who was born on November 18, 1910, spent much of his life in obscurity, neglected by the nation he helped liberate. His story is one of courage, sacrifice, and erasure

Chaman Lal

On April 8, 1929, the *Hindustan Times* in Delhi rushed out a special evening edition, while *The Statesman* in Calcutta cabled its story to London to evade colonial censorship. That afternoon, two young men had thrown harmless bombs into the Central Assembly Hall, now Parliament, raising slogans of *Inquilab Zindabad* (Long Live the Revolution) and *Samrajyavad ka Nash Ho* (Down with Imperialism). They scattered red pamphlets titled 'To Make the Deaf Hear'. Reporters caught the words, and newspapers across India and abroad carried dramatic headlines. One international paper proclaimed: "Reds Storm the Assembly!"

The two young men were Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt. Both were arrested, tried, and convicted. While Bhagat Singh went on to become one of the most iconic figures of the Indian freedom struggle, his comrade Dutt gradually faded from public memory, remembered only occasionally, and rarely honoured with the dignity he deserved.

A revolutionary's journey

Batukeshwar Dutt was born on November 18, 1910, in the Burdwan district of Bengal. Convicted in the *Delhi Assembly Bomb Case* on June 12, 1929, he spent nine years in prisons across India – Multan, Jhelum, Trichinopoly, Salem, and even the Andamans. In each jail he resorted to hunger strikes, twice fasting for over a month, demanding humane treatment for political prisoners.

When Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev were executed in Lahore on March 23, 1931, Dutt was languishing in the Salem jail. That night he dreamt of Singh in chains, a vision that haunted him. Released in 1938, Dutt was rearrested during the Quit India movement of 1942 and spent another four years in jail.

After his release, he married Anjali, a school teacher, and settled in Patna with their daughter Bharti, who later became a Professor of Economics at Patna College. But life after independence offered little stability. The Bihar government allotted him a coal depot, but it proved financially unviable. President Rajendra Prasad intervened, urging the State to extend due consideration to him. The gesture resulted only in a token nomination to the Bihar Legislative Council – for the remainder of an existing member's six-month term.

Despite such neglect, Dutt remained respected by many political leaders. His health, however, declined in the mid-1960s. Afflicted with bone cancer, he was admitted to AIIMS, New Delhi, where he endured eight months of suffering. Leading orthopaedist Dr. Vig told his comrades that treatment could only ensure a "painless death". Plans to send him abroad were abandoned after the Indian High Commission in London reported that Delhi offered care equal to Europe's. Dutt passed away on July 20, 1965. Honouring his last wish, he was cremated at Hussainiwala in Punjab, alongside Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. The site, which remained in Pakistan until 1965, had only recently come under Indian control for the construction of a memorial to the martyrs.

Neglect and recognition

For a brief moment after his death, the nation honoured Dutt. His funeral procession was massive, attended by the President, Prime Minister, central ministers, the Lok Sabha Speaker, and the Punjab Chief Minister. The funeral drew vast numbers of people along the streets. Yet today, few remember that the farewell accorded to him rivalled those of the most revered leaders of his time.

Ironically, the Parliament building where he and Bhagat Singh had staged their act of defiance still does not display their portraits. In contrast, the portrait of V. D. Savarkar, once an accused in Gandhi's assassination case (though later acquitted), hangs prominently opposite Gandhi's. In 2014, MPs including Dharamvira Gandhi and Sitaram Yechury protested this omission, but the demand to include Bhagat Singh – and by extension Dutt – was ignored.

The story of this neglect was first documented by Chaman Lal Azad, a fellow revolutionary who later became a journalist. While caring for Dutt at AIIMS, Chaman Lal Azad wrote a series of articles in the Urdu daily *Pratap*. These were later compiled as *Bhagat Singh aur Dutt ki Amar Kahani* (1966), one of the most authentic, if scattered, accounts of the revolutionary movement. The book contains Bhagat Singh's letters, court statements, and postcards – some published for the first time – along with Gandhi's letter to Dutt and rare photographs of him with Nehru and Indira Gandhi in 1963.

The book also records Dutt's conversations about fellow revolutionaries. In it, he spoke of Hari Kishan Talwar, who was hanged in 1931 for shooting Punjab's Lieutenant Governor, and of his comrade Ehsan Ilahi, who migrated to Pakistan, became a musician, and died penniless despite Chaman Lal Azad's attempts to help him. Dutt also disapproved of films made on Bhagat Singh in the 1950s, which he and other comrades protested against. Only Manoj Kumar's *Shaheed* in 1965 won their approval, with the actor personally consulting Dutt.

Equally touching are accounts of his bond with Bhagat Singh's family. Mata Vidyawati, Bhagat Singh's mother, spent long periods with Dutt in his final days. She even sold a Hindi epic poem on Bhagat Singh, gifted to her by poet Sri Krishan Saral, to raise funds for Dutt's treatment. Revolutionary comrades such as Shiv Verma, Sadashiv Malkapurkar, and Jatin Das's brother Kiran Das remained constantly by his side. Leaders including Home Minister Gulzari Lal Nanda, Defence Minister Y. B. Chavan, Jagjivan Ram, Swaran Singh, and Dr. Sushila Nayyar also visited him in hospital, though such respect was rarely extended while he was alive and struggling.

Ode to the forgotten soldier

Chaman Lal Azad used his book to underline Bhagat Singh's intellectual legacy – his ability to rise above religion and envision socialism as the foundation of India's future. Dutt himself remarked that Singh was far-sighted, always with a book in hand, reading wherever he went.

Despite having a shared vision of India's future, history has not treated Dutt kindly. He remains absent from memorials, textbooks, and the national consciousness. While newer works such as Justice Anil Verma's *Bhagat Singh ke Sahyogi: Batukeshwar Dutt* and Bhairav Lal Das's *Viplvi Batukeshwar Dutt* (both post-2007) have attempted to reclaim his place, Chaman Lal Azad's earlier book, rich with first-hand memories, is nearly lost. Its Hindi translation, commissioned years ago by the Government's Publications Division, still lies unpublished due to copyright hurdles.

Dutt's life illustrates how revolutionaries in India are often remembered only in passing.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"... the party was just great!"

"Tell me about it. I'm all ears."

"You're all ears?"

"When you tell someone that you're 'all ears', it means that you are eager to listen to what they have to say. When he rose to speak, the children were all ears."

"When the Physics teacher read out our marks, we were all ears."

"Now that you have my ear, please continue. Tell..."

"...I have your ear? When did you give it to me? I never..."

"...when you 'have someone's ear' you succeed in getting him/her to listen to you. He/she is willing to pay attention to what you have to say. While I had his ear, I told him about my problems."

"Now that I have your ear, can I tell you about some of the things that have been happening in school?"

"Perhaps later. Here's another example. I succeeded in getting my boss' ear and explained to him why we should not market the new product."

"Was he happy with what you said?"

"No, he wasn't! He gave me an earful and sent me packing."

"An earful of what?"

"When you give somebody 'an earful' you speak to them angrily."

"I see. So, can I say, I get an earful from my mother every time I'm late."

"You certainly can. The next time I run into my landlord I'm going to give him an earful."

"Why? What has he done?"

"It's not what he has done. It's what he has not done. He promised to get my flat painted. That was more than a year ago."

"Maybe whatever you say to him goes in one ear and out the other."

"Hey, that's very good. When I was young whatever my mother said used to go in one ear and out the other."

"Ha! Ha! While we are on the subject of 'ears', does 'lend an ear to someone' mean the same thing as 'have someone's ear'?"

"When you 'have someone's ear', you get someone to listen to you. When you 'lend an ear to someone', you are willing to listen to what someone has to say."

"Friends! Indians! Countrymen! Lend me your ears."

"I'd be delighted to lend you mine if you promise to tell me what happened at the party."

"Most of the people there were talking about Sujatha's new haircut."

"Poor Sujatha! Her ears must have been burning."

"But why would her ears burn?"

"...when you talk a lot about someone in their absence, you say his/her ears must be burning. For example, everyone was talking about our Chairman. His ears must have been burning."

"I wouldn't worry about Sujatha. She has no way of finding out what we said."

"I wouldn't be too sure about that. She has her ear to the ground, you know."

"What does that mean?"

"Someone who has 'his/her ear to the ground' is aware of what is happening around him/her. "

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On November 17, 1970 Lunokhod 1 made its landmark lunar landing. Test your knowledge of the world's first rover to explore another celestial body

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
On which lunar 'sea' did Lunokhod 1 land?

QUESTION 2
How did Lunokhod 1 stay warm during the frigid lunar night?

QUESTION 3
How long (in earth days) did Lunokhod 1 operate on the moon?

QUESTION 4
How far did Lunokhod 1 travel on the lunar surface?

QUESTION 5
How many high-resolution panoramas did Lunokhod 1 send back to Earth?

Visual question:
This 1971 Soviet postage stamp commemorates the spacecraft that delivered the world's first successful planetary rover to the moon. Name the mission depicted here.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Number of times South Africa has tasted success in India. **Ans: Six times in 20 matches**
2. This South African batter turned in a player-of-the-match performance in the team's maiden win in 1996. **Ans: Gary Kirsten**
3. South Africa has scored an innings victory over the host at this ground. **Ans: Nagpur in 2010**
4. This Indian was voted the player-of-the-match for his innings of 97 and three wickets in 2000. **Ans: Sachin Tendulkar**
5. This speedster skittled out India for a mere 76 in its first innings and this player notched up a double ton during the Proteas' win in Ahmedabad in 2008. **Ans: Dale Steyn; A.B. De Villiers**
Visual: Name this all-rounder. **Ans: Lance Klusener**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Erfanally Oosmany| Sukdev Shet| Tito Shiladitya| Lalchand Bhutani

Word of the day

Writhe:
to move in a twisting or contorted motion (especially when struggling)

Synonyms: squirm, twist, worm, wrestle, wriggle

Usage: *The prisoner writhed in discomfort.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/writhepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɹaɪð/

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State's move to deploy PU lecturers to teach high school students opposed

Principals and lecturers of government PU colleges have opposed the move and warned of a protest

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BENGALURU

Lecturers of Government Pre-University Colleges (PUC) in Karnataka, who are teaching I and II PU; students, will now be required to teach classes 9 and 10 of high schools as well.

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has decided to amend the 'Karnataka General Services (Pre-University Education) (Recruitment) Rules 2013' and has submitted a proposal to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR).

"If these rules are amended, the principals, lecturers and staff of government PU colleges currently under the purview of the pre-university section of DSEL will come under the purview of the Department of Public Instruction," sources said.

Principals and lecturers of government PU colleges have opposed the move and warned of a protest.

Currently, there are separate cadres and recruitment (C&R) rules for the staff of PU and high school education. The respective Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) of the DSEL is the recruitment authority for high school teachers.

Currently, there are separate cadres and recruitment (C&R) rules for the staff of PU and high school education. FILE PHOTO

Similarly, the Deputy Director of Pre-university (DDPU) is the recruitment authority for pre-university lecturers and other staff. Candidates who have done BEd along with graduation are recruited for the post of 'Group-C' grade high school teachers for classes 8 to 10.

However, the post of lecturers in PU colleges is of 'Group-B' grade, and only candidates who have done BEd along with a post-graduate degree are recruited.

In the Central curriculum schools, including Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), in Karnataka, teaching is being done from classes 1 to 12. After establishment of Karnataka Public Schools (KPSs) in the State, education is being provided from classes 1 to 12 under one roof on the model of Central curriculum schools. Steps have also been taken to provide pre-primary level education in KPSs.

Recently, the Government of Karnataka announced that it will start a total of 900 KPSs across the State from the next academic year, taking the number of KPS to 1,309. In this context, the government has taken steps to amend the rules to assign lecturers who are currently teaching I and II PU to teach high school students as well.

In 2022, the then BJP government had tried to amend the rules. However, the move was abandoned following opposition by lecturers and principals of pre-university colleges.

PU lecturers oppose

The Karnataka State Pre-University Colleges Lecturers' Association alleged that the proposed amendments to the rules will threaten academic discipline, academic grades, administrative rights and departmental autonomy.

Ninge Gowda A.H., president of the association, said, "Reducing the lecturers from Group-B cadre to Group-C is against the principles of 'Karnataka Civil Services Rules'. PU education is not an extension of the school-level, it is the source of preparation for higher education. The proposed amendment will put additional burden on lecturers and hinder their commitment to their duties. The government should drop the proposal to amend the rules. Otherwise, lecturers and principals of all government pre-university colleges will boycott classes and stage a protest."

In process

Meanwhile, V. Rashmi Mahesh, principal secretary of DSEL, said, "We are still in the process of working out the amendment. We didn't publish the notification. Any Cadre and Recruitment (C&R) amendment has to follow due process. A draft notification will be made after the approval of the competent authority. Every stakeholder can file an objection to the draft notification. Only after those objections are heard, it will be finalised. Right now, it is totally premature and speculative."

KSCPCR registeres *suo-motu* case against school merger

TH IMPACT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has registered a *suo-motu* case against the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in connection with the merger of seven schools with the Karnataka Public School (KPS) in Honganuru of Channapatna taluk and Bengaluru South district.

The commission has filed a *suo-motu* case based on the report published in *The Hindu* on November 13, 2025, and has directed the commissioner of DPI to submit a report with appropriate clarifications within three days.

900 new KPSs

"The DPI is planning to start about 900 new KPSs in the State, many of which have been identified as magnet schools and steps have been taken to merge neighbouring schools with low enrolment. The news report states that thousands of schools will be closed due to this," reads the notice.

'Serious issue'

The commission has considered this issue very serious and it has expressed concern that the sudden closure of government schools will deprive economically and socially backward students of education.

All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO), a student organisation has staged a protest at Freedom Park against the State government, which is threatening over 25,000 government schools with the merger of surrounding schools under the Karnataka Public Magnet Schools scheme.

Addressing the protest, AIDSO State Secretary Ajay Kamath said, "As per the government order, 900 schools have been identified as Karnataka Public Magnet Schools. This means schools within 1 to 5 km radius of a KPS with less than enrolment of 50 students will be merged."

Manager of supermarket arrested

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Traffic on the busy Ballari road was disrupted for some time on Monday after a supermarket manager allegedly assaulted a cab driver and created a ruckus near Mehkri Circle. The Sadashivanagar police detained the accused, identified as Santosh, following the incident

According to the police, Santosh had boarded a cab to the KIA to catch a flight to Badrinath.

En route, he allegedly picked a quarrel with the driver over a trivial issue and assaulted him. He then got out of the cab near Mehkri Circle and began creating chaos on the busy stretch, leading to a massive traffic pile-up.

Timings
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TUESDAY, NOV. 18		
RISE	06:19	SET 17:50
RISE	04:34	SET 16:23
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19		
RISE	06:20	SET 17:50
RISE	05:23	SET 17:03
THURSDAY, NOV. 20		
RISE	06:20	SET 17:50
RISE	06:12	SET 17:46

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	29	18
Bengaluru	26	17

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Morning will be slight cool. Day will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

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Tech summit to see launch of KEO, Karnataka's own AI-ready computer

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BENGALURU

The Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with KEONICS, on Monday launched KEO, a compact, affordable, AI-ready personal computer.

The device, designed and developed entirely in Karnataka, will be formally unveiled by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the inaugural ceremony of the 28th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit on Tuesday.

Priyank Kharge, Minister IT & BT, and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, along with Sharath Bache Gowda, chairman, KEONICS and others during a press meet for the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 in Bengaluru on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Bridging digital devide

According to a government communique, KEO (Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source) has been built on an open-source RISC-V processor with a Linux-based operating system.

It includes an on-device AI core, enabling AI to run locally without Internet access, and comes pre-loaded with BUDDH, an AI agent trained on the Karnataka DSERT syllabus to assist students even in low-connectivity regions.

Announcing the launch of KEO, Priyank Kharge, Minister for Electronics, IT & BT, said, "KEO is Karnataka's practical answer to the digital divide. It is not a luxury device; it is an inclusion device. Affordable mass computing will allow every student, small business, and household to participate fully in the digital economy."

According to officials, KEO will be deployed across schools, universities, small businesses, government offices and homes.

Sharath Bache Gowda, chairman, KEONICS, noted that by adopting an open-source RISC-V stack, KEO strengthens Karnataka's commitment to accessible, locally adaptable, home-grown computing solutions.

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BTS set to begin

The 28th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 (BTS 2025) will feature dignitaries including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, M.B. Patil – Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Indian and international leaders from various sectors including DeepTech, Biotech & HealthTech, Semiconductors, and Startup Innovation.

Speaking at the curtain raiser, Mr. Kharge noted that the Government of Karnataka has envisaged and organised The Future Makers Conclave at the BTS, a gathering of around 10,000 founders, investors and innovators.

This year, BTS features 10 focused conference tracks, including IT & DeepTech, Electro-Semicon, Digi Health & Biotech, India-USA Tech Conclave, and Global Collaboration and Startup Ecosystem, which includes the subtracks AI Universe- a run up to the India AI Impact Summit, Defence & Space-Tech, Finverse. Other tracks include the Academia-Industry Collab, Assistech and Women in Leadership.

Tummoc joins BTS

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Tummoc, India's first full-stack Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) platform, has joined Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2025 as the Official Mobility Partner, enabling seamless and sustainable travel for delegates through complimentary Namma Metro tickets.

Through a direct integration between the BTS registration system and the Tummoc app, registered attendees can easily authenticate their credentials and generate QR-based metro tickets to and from Madavara (BIEC) – the event venue.

Man duped of ₹1.15 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The central division cybercrime police are on the lookout for a man who, posing as a BBMP revenue officer, allegedly duped a man of ₹1.15 lakh promising a taxi under a scheme of the State government

Based on a complaint filed by Sandeep Kamalnath from Seshadripuram in Bengaluru, the police registered a case of cheating and under various sections of the IT Act on November 15. According to the complainant, the accused approached him on phone on October 18, introduced himself 'Punith Gowda, Revenue Officer from the Welfare Department of the BBMP'.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC, Bengaluru for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BNCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	**PACKAGE NO: 01 (Package Consists of 6 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Resurfacing to BSF Road from Bagalur Main Road at Reva Collage Junction to GBA Boundary. **2)** Improvements and Asphalting to Palanahalli Main Road from Bellary Main Road at Palanahalli Gate to Bagalur Main Road at All Mart via Kattigenahalli Village. **3)** Improvements to New Shanthinagara Main Road from Thanisandra Main Road to New Shanthi Layout. **4)** Improvement to Roads and Drain of Reva Collage Opposite Road from Thanisandra Main Road to Kattigenahalli Village via Bhatasingh Layout. **5)** Improvement to Drains and Asphalting to Sri Balaji Layout Main Road and Commanders Glorry Apartment Road Singapura. **6)** Resurfacing of New Krishna Temple Road from Doddabommasandra Arch to Vysa School at Railway Gate. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**
2	**PACKAGE NO: 02 (Package Consists of 4 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Improvement and Asphalting to Sampigehalli - Kogilu Main Road from Sampigehalli to Kogilu. **2)** Improvement to Roads and Drain of Kogilu Layout Main Road from Kogilu Road to Reva Collage Road (Thanisandra Main Road). **3)** Improvement to Road and Drains of Winnfield Garden and MCECHS Layout Main Roads. **4)** Improvements to Fatima and Defence Layout Main Road from Thanisandra Main Road Fatima Layout. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**
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4	**PACKAGE NO: 04 (Package Consists of 6 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Improvement to KPSC Layout Connecting Road Agrahara Main Road to KPSC Layout. **2)** Improvements to Bellahalli Kannur Main Road from Belaahalli Junction to GBA Boundary. **3)** Resurfacing to Yogesh Nagara and Kempapura Village Road ORR to Coffee Board Layout. **4)** Improvements to Bharathnagara Main Road from Rachenahalli Main Road to Thanisandra Main Road via Abubakar Masjid Road. **5)** Improvement to Roads and Drains of Datta Township Main Road from Bagalur Main Road to Datta Township. **6)** Improvement to NR Wind Gate Main Road from Sampigehalli Main Road to Green Garden Phase 1 Layout. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**
5	**PACKAGE NO: 05 (Package Consists of 8 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Resurfacing at all Service Roads of Hegdenagara Flyover including K. Narayanapura Main Road. **2)** Resurfacing to Jakkur Main Road behind Jakkur Flying School from Shanimahathma Temple to Kempegowda Circle and Cross Roads and including Connecting Road to GKVK Layout. **3)** Improvements to Markadeyanagara Main Road from Kogilu Road to Agrahara Layout Main Road. **4)** Improvement to Drains and Asphalting to Prakruthinagara Main Road from Kogilu Road to Bollineni Apartment. **5)** Improvement to Bellahalli Main Road from Kogilu Road to Bellahalli Bande. **6)** Improvement to Road and Drains of Krishna Garden Main Road from Bagalur Main Road to Kattigenahalli Village and Connecting Road from Thanisandra Main Road (Petrol Bunk Road). **7)** Improvements to Road and Drains of 1st Main Road and 4th Main Road of Vinayakanagara from Bagalur Main Road to Palanahalli Village. **8)** Improvement to Road and Drain of Vidyanagara and Sobha Chrysanthemum Apartment Main Road from Thanisandra Main Road. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**
6	**PACKAGE NO: 06 (Package Consists of 5 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Improvement to 1st Main Road Amruthnagara from Bellary Road to Amruthahalli Police Station. **2)** Improvements and Asphalting to New Railway Parallel Road from Bellary Main Road (KIA Road) to Jakkur Village via GKVK Layout. **3)** Improvements to Chokkanahalli Main Road from Thanisandra Main Road to Chokkanahalli Circle and Connecting Road from Chokkanahalli to Thirumenahalli Govt. School. **4)** Improvement to connecting Road between Tindlu Circle to M.S. Palya Circle via Vidyaranyapura Main Road (9th Main Road). **5)** Improvement to Roads and Drains of Military Dairy Farm Compound Parallel Road from Bellary Road to Impact Collage. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**
7	**PACKAGE NO: 07 (Package Consists of 5 Works Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs)** **1)** Resurfacing to Bhadrappa Layout Main Road from Tata Nagara Junction to ORR. **2)** Improvement and Asphalting to Abbigere Main Road from Singapura Bus Stop to Abbigere Lake. **3)** Improvements to Kodigehalli Rub to BEL Circle via Nanjappa Circle. **4)** Improvements to Vidyaranyapura Ward Office Road from Vidyaranyapura Main Road to Somanna Garden. **5)** Improvement to Sampige Road from Thindlu Main Road to Canara Bank Layout via Tennis Court. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 806.45, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,10,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Payment (NEFT) Balance Rs. 11,10,000/- through BG / FDR, should be Submit before Opening of Technical Bid)**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **25-11-2025 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara Office, Bengaluru - 560092. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **06-12-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **08-12-2025 after 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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Siddaramaiah meets Modi; flags sugarcane pricing crisis

Chief Minister presents five-point charter, seeks Central nod for key irrigation projects; Prime Minister urged to revise MSP for sugar, ₹2,136 crore sought under National Disaster Response Fund for damage caused by rains

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday presented a five-point charter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, highlighting the State's concerns over the sugarcane pricing crisis and long-pending irrigation project clearances, even as he sought Central support on a wider set of developmental and financial demands.

Highlighting the recent unrest among sugarcane farmers, the Chief Minister conveyed that the State had put in place an interim arrangement mandating an additional payment of ₹100 per tonne of sugarcane, with the government itself sharing ₹50 of this burden. Terming the arrangement a stop-gap solution, the memorandum argued that the core issues lay with the Centre.

The State urged the Prime Minister to revise the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sugar – fixed at ₹31 per kg for several years – and to ensure assured offtake of ethanol from Karnataka's distilleries. A Central notification enabling States to fix harvesting and transportation costs was also sought as part of a sustainable pricing framework.

A file photo of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Chief Minister highlighted the recent unrest among sugarcane farmers during his meeting with the Prime Minister in New Delhi on Monday.

Irrigation projects

Mr. Siddaramaiah pressed for urgent intervention to break the deadlock on multiple major water projects, several of which have been awaiting Central approval for years. These included Mekedatu, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II, Upper Bhadra and Kalasa-Banduri.

While he requested that the Centre direct the Central Water Commission to expedite clearance for the proposed balancing reservoir on the Cauvery, he sought an immediate gazette notification of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal's award, pending for over a decade.

Reminding the Prime Minister of the ₹5,300 crore grant announced in the 2023-24 Union Budget for the Upper Bhadra project, he urged urgent release of the allocation. Besides, he also sought forest and wildlife clearances from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the drinking water projects intended for the Hubballi-Dharwad region.

The Chief Minister made a strong case for setting up an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Raichur, an aspirational district in the Kalyana Karnataka region.

A separate memorandum submitted in this regard described the region as having "sub-par" health and education indicators and a high populace of SC/ST and backward classes, making it a "dire need" of a high-quality Referral Medical Centre.

It was highlighted that the State has already submitted a detailed project report, identified land, and established a government medical college in Raichur to create a basic ecosystem for the national institute. The AIIMS is expected to serve multiple districts and catalyse socio-economic development.

Jal Jeevan Mission

A significant point of discussion was the alleged financial shortfall in the Centre's share for the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The State claimed that while it had achieved over 86% functional household tap connections, the central government had a cumulative short release of ₹13,004.63 crore up to 2025-26. The memorandum stated that for the current fiscal year (2025-26), no central funds had been released, while Karnataka had already advanced ₹1,500 crore from its own budget to prevent work stoppages. Bills worth ₹1,700 crore were pending, with another ₹ 2,600 crore in the pipeline, prompting an urgent request for the release of balance funds, the memorandum stated.

Flood relief

On disaster relief, Mr. Siddaramaiah sought ₹2,136 crore under the National Disaster Response Fund for damage caused by this year's unprecedented rains, which affected 19 lakh farmers and damaged crops on 14.5 lakh hectares.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that the Centre would extend support on both immediate concerns and long-pending structural issues affecting the State.

No decision on Cabinet reshuffle in CM-Kharge meet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah meeting AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Monday.

The much-spoken about Cabinet reshuffle may not be in sight for at least now. A discussion between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, which had raised hopes among the Cabinet hopefuls, remained inconclusive on Monday.

The discussion between the two leaders in Delhi had raised the political tempo in the Karnataka Congress, and came amid a power struggle between Mr. Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar over a purported "power sharing" agreement. Sources said that the Tuesday's meeting came after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had asked Mr. Siddaramaiah to meet Mr. Kharge to discuss the issue. Mr. Kharge had met Mr. Shivakumar on Sunday.

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said that during the course of a nearly hour -long meeting on Monday, it was decided that another round of meeting should be held by the month end involving all top leaders of the Congress. The next meeting could involve Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal and Congress General Secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala besides Mr. Kharge. "What happened on Tuesday was a preliminary meeting. No granular details such as the number and names to be dropped or added were discussed. If the Central leaders agree to a reshuffle, it could be post Winter session in Belagavi," sources said.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is expecting a power transition, is opposed to the idea of a Cabinet reshuffle, which is being pushed by the Chief Minister. On Sunday, Home Minister G. Parameshwara had indicated that any Cabinet reshuffle could end speculation on leadership change, and that it wound mean no leadership change

On being asked about Cabinet hopefuls, Mr. Shivakumar, upon his return from Delhi, told presspersons here: "What is wrong with legislators being hopefuls of getting into the Cabinet. All of them – MLAs & MLCs– have the right. In the past, without anything or not being MLA or MLC, people have become Ministers. It is the prerogative of the Chief Minister. Many would have worked hard and would like to enjoy power. Can we say it is wrong?"

Sources close to Mr. Shivakumar also acknowledged that while he was not opposed to filling up of the two Cabinet berths that had fallen vacant due to sacking of K.N. Rajanna and resignation of B. Nagendra, he was opposed to the Cabinet reshuffle per se.

SEC blames govt. for delay in ULB polls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday directed the State government to file its response to a PIL petition filed by State Election Commission (SEC), which has complained that the government's failure to fix category-wise reservation for the seats in the 187 urban local bodies (ULBs) is posing difficulties to conduct timely elections to these bodies.

A Division Bench adjourned further hearing on the petition while tagging it be to heard along with another PIL petition filed by the SEC complaining about not fixing reservation for 5,950 seats, in December.

The SEC has pointed out that it has been written many letters to the government for issuing final notification reserving seats for various castes in the 187 ULBs as term of these bodies are expiring between October-December.

Incessant rains may bring down India's coffee output by 30,000 tonnes: KPA

Mini Tejaswi
CHIKMAGALURU

Six-month-long incessant rains, between May and mid-November, played havoc in coffee plantations, and as a result India's coffee output this year is estimated to be down by 30,000 tonnes, according to the Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA), a body that represents coffee growers in Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, and Kodagu districts, which account for over 70% of the country's total coffee production.

The country's coffee production for 2025-26 crop year is likely to be 3,73,000 tonnes as against the Coffee Board's post blossom yield estimate of 4,03,000 tonnes, said KPA.

This year's Arabica harvest will be in the 1 lakh to 1.2 lakh tonnes range (against Coffee Board's estimate of 1,18,125 tonnes) while Robusta production will be in the 2.6 lakh tonnes to 2.7 lakh tonnes (against board's estimate of 284,875 tonnes). The planters' body was sharing its latest yield estimate for the year at a media conference held in connection with KPI's 67th Annual General Meeting in Chikmagaluru on Monday.

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A. Aravind Rao, chairman, KPA, said the new estimate was based on the standing crop (Arabica, whose harvest has just begun, and Robusta, whose harvest is scheduled to start by mid-December), after incessant rains, constant cold weather and lack of sunlight between May and mid-October played havoc in coffee plantations leading to leaf and stem rot and berry dropping, subsequently impacting berry setting and size of cherries.

Addressing the media, Mr. Rao said the coffee production scenario for Karnataka in the year was characterised by resilience in Robusta production, but volatility in Arabica output, primarily due to the impact of erratic weather patterns.

Of the country's total area under coffee production of 4.65 lakh hectares, Karnataka accounts for 2.46 lakh hectares, while the rest of India grows coffee under 2.19 lakh hectares of land. "Karnatka grows 70% of the coffee in the country. However, in the last 20 years, the production and area under production have been on a decline mostly due to extreme weather conditions," Mr. Rao lamented.

On the major challenges faced by the coffee sector, Mr. Rao said the impact of climate change on coffee on Karnataka was significant and serious. Global warming with unpredictable rainfall was causing extreme drought, landslides and soil erosion, damaging crops, depleting soil and severely impacting the plant health and yield.

According to Mr. Rao, KPA had already made a representation to the Ministry of Finance to exclude plantations from CIBIL as plantations were agriculture in nature.

DKS will be sidelined if Cabinet reshuffle takes place: Ashok

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Monday maintained that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would get sidelined if the Congress high command gives permission for the Cabinet reshuffle. Mr. Ashok said the chances of Mr. Shivakumar becoming the Chief Minister would be bleak if the high command agrees to a Cabinet reshuffle.

Seeking to debunk the Congress leaders' claims that their visits to Delhi had nothing to do with leadership change, Mr. Ashok wondered why they were going to Delhi then.

"Even the DK brothers (D.K. Shivakumar and his brother D. K. Suresh) camped in Delhi. If the issue of changing the Chief Minister has not surfaced, why is everyone meeting AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge?" he asked.

HC refuses to limit stay on GO on use of public places

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday refused to confine its interim order of staying the October 18, 2025 Government Order (GO), which restricts use of public places, including roads, parks, playgrounds, etc., without prior permission for a gathering of 10 or more persons, only to the petitioners who have challenged the legality of the GO.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna said that the stay order could be limited only to the petitioner-organisations, while pointing out that the interim order was passed after taking note that allowing the GO to be operational would *prima facie* mean to permit the fundamental rights guaranteed to the citizens under Article 19(1)(a) and (b) to be taken away through an executive order when the liberty granted under the Constitution of India could not be curtailed through such administrative orders.

Earlier, Advocate-General K. Shashi Kiran Shetty requested the court to limit the stay order only with respect to Hubballi- and Dharwad-based non-governmental organisations and individuals like Punashchetana Seva Samsthe, We Care Foundation, Rajeev Malhar Patil Kulkarni and Uma Satyajit Chavan, who have questioned the GO.

The Advocate-General orally claimed that other than the petitioners no one else had any grievance against the GO.

Declining to accept Advocate-General's plea, the court said that all issues would be considered during final hearing on the petition while noticing that a Division Bench, in its November 6 order, had dismissed the appeal filed by the State government, which had challenged the October 28 interim order of staying the GO.

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NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited have published 1:3 final list of candidates for the recruitment of Senior Assistant, Senior Assistant (Accounts) and Quality Inspector posts. The document verification of the candidates listed in 1:3 list will be conducted on 27th and 28th November 2025. Further information on the venue, date and time can be obtained from the KFCSC website https://kfcsc.karnataka.gov.in.

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I, SIRAJ, aged 48 years, S/o Mohan, residing at No.145, Modi Road, D J Halli, Arabic College, Bangalore-560045 have changed my name to Sirajuddin vide affidavit dated: 17.11.2025 before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bengaluru.

I, G REHMAN R/o No 12 E, 4th Street, H K P Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051 have changed my name to Rehman G vide affidavit dt: 14.11.2025 sworn before Notary Sumithra.N, B'luru.

I, SANDHYA Mahesh, W/o. Mahesh N, r/at TNT Solitaire, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main 6th Cross, Tala Cauvery layout near Chandramouleshwara Temple, Amruthalli Byatarayanapura Bangalore 560092 have changed my name as Sandhya vide affidavit dtd 14.11.2025 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bluru

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAIK Mohamed Yaseen R/o No 2, G Street, Slaughter House Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051 have changed my name to Shaik Mohammed Yaseen vide affidavit dt: 14.11.2025 sworn before Notary Sumithra.N, B'luru

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Anusha, Daughter of Ashok Vadavadagi, Residing at Bangalore have Changed my Name to Anusha Ashok Vadavadagi. Hereafter, I shall be known by my new name in all records and dealings.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prabhathi Iyer D/O, B V Bhaskar R/o Ds Max Savera Uttarhalli have changed my name to Prabhathi Bhaskar.

I, PATHA Patel, R/at No.S-3, No. 07, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Lingannapalyapalya, Halsuru, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name from Devda Pethabhai Shavjibai to Patha Patel vide affidavit dated 17-11-2025 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

I, LALJI Patha Patel, R/at No.S-3, No.07, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Linganapalya, Halsuru, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name from Lalji Petha Devda to Lalji Patha Patel vide affidavit dated 17-11-2025 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

I, JIUAB Uddin Barbhuiya, s/o Abdul Latif Barbhbuiya r/o; No.01, 3rd MN Rd, AK Colony, Ambedhkar, Blr–560071. Have changed my name as Jiyab Uddin Barbhuiya. vide affidavit on 14.11.25

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I, K H Hemanth Kumar, S/o K A Haridas, r/at Malur Taluk, Doddakadathur, Kolar, Karnataka 563130 have changed my name as K Hemanth Haridas vide affidavit dtd 15.11.2025 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bluru

LEGAL NOTICE

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT
Tenkasi, Tenkasi District
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O.S.No.176/2025

1.K.Suresh
2.Radha
3.Banumathi
(2nd & 3rd Plaintiffs through theirs Power of Attorney 1st Plaintiff)
.... Plaintiff
- Vs-
M.LAILA MOHAMMED,
W/O.MOHAMMED ISMAIL,
D.NO.1157, 6TH C&D CROSS,
PRAKASH NAGAR,
SRIRAMAPURAM POST,
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.... 28th Defendant

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(By order of the Court)
R.KALIRAJ, M.A.,B.L.,
Advocate, Sankarankovil
Tenkasi Dt, TamilNadu.

Victims' families reeling after fatal bus crash in Saudi Arabia

Relatives mourn deaths of loved ones as they await clarity over identification of the bodies and further steps to be taken; the tragedy has also shaken those preparing for the Umrah pilgrimage

Naveen Kumar
Lavpreet Kaur
HYDERABAD

At the Haj House in Nampally, Telangana, grief hung heavily in the air on Monday afternoon. In the open, muddy courtyard, families clutched documents, photographs and each other, waiting for any word on their loved ones who died in the tragic bus crash in Saudi Arabia, earlier in the morning.

Among them was Syed from Ramnagar, trembling as he spoke, still unable to process the scale of his loss. "I told them not to go together. Not to take all the children; at least some members of the family would have survived," he said. In one night, 18 members of his family, spanning three generations, were gone. His elder sister, her three daughters, a son, and her grandchildren, all of whom had travelled together for Umrah, did not make it back. The deceased included nine children.

Shared grief: People gather at the residence of a Saudi Arabia bus accident victim in Hyderabad, on Monday. PTI

Only one person from the family survives: the elder son, who is currently in the United States. "He wanted to join them too," said another relative. "He only stayed back because he couldn't get a ticket. His wife and two children went... and they didn't survive."

Relatives have been moving between the travel agency and the Haj House, seeking clarity on the identification of the bodies and the next steps.

The only survivor of the crash was identified as Mohd Abdul Shoiab, 24, a resident of Hyderabad. He had reportedly been sitting near the driver when the bus collided with the tanker. He has been admitted to a hospital in Saudi Arabia.

The tragedy has also shaken those preparing for the pilgrimage. Travellers scheduled to leave for Medina said they are now sceptical, unsure if they should proceed amid fears of more accidents and uncertainty. One of the people at the Haj House had planned to take his family for Umrah in December.

"We have to travel by bus from Mecca to Medina, and after hearing about the accident, my family is frightened. I'm also unsure whether we should go ahead," he said.

Hyderabad family loses 18 members in Saudi bus accident

Syed Mohammed
HYDERABAD

As many as 18 members of the same family, including several children, who were on the Umrah pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, were killed in the road accident, according to relatives and government officials. The same fate also befell five members of another family.

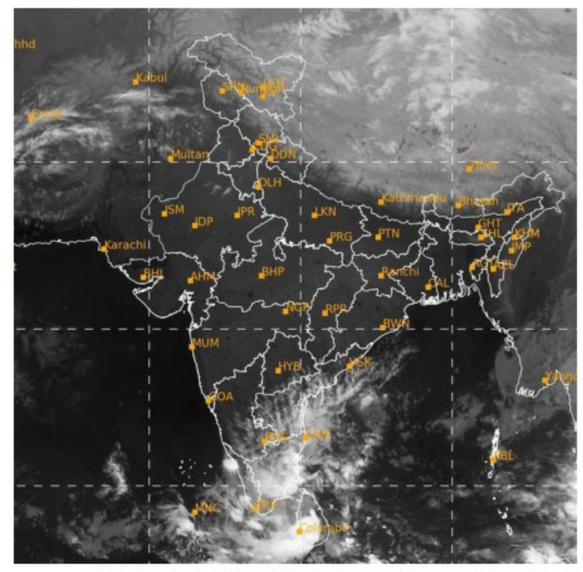
In the first instance, Shaik Naseeruddin and his wife Akhter Begum, residents of Ramnagar in Musheerabad, had left Hyderabad along with one of their two sons and two daughters to discharge their religious duties. A daughter-in-law had also accompanied them. Relatives said the family had been looking forward to the pilgrimage for weeks.

"Eighteen people died. They were from the same house. We are now at the Haj House in Nampally and are trying to get more details because of some confusion. Those who died are my wife's close relatives. One of them, Shaik Naseeruddin, is her maternal uncle, and Akhter Begum is her aunt. Many women and children had left Hyderabad... parents, children and grandchildren," said Nayeem, who has been coordinating with the family and officials.

In the second instance, five members of a family – Sabiha Begum, her son Irfan Ahmed, his wife Humera Nazneen, and their children Hamdan Ahmed and Izaan Ahmed died in the accident. "They had come to our house barely 10 or 12 days ago, before leaving for Umrah," said Mohammed Ahmed, a resident of Owaisi Colony in Santoshnagar who was Ms Sabiha's maternal cousin. "They told us about the upcoming pilgrimage, and everyone was very happy."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall/thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Marathwada and Telangana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.6	17.4	Kozhikode	—	33.2	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	29.7	14.8	Kurnool	—	30.7	17.2
Aizawl	—	28.9	15.4	Lucknow	—	29.7	12.4
Allahabad	—	27.6	10.4	Madurai	—	31.0	24.1
Bengaluru	—	26.3	17.2	Mangaluru	—	33.0	22.8
Bhopal	—	25.4	5.2	Mumbai	—	32.3	18.9
Bhubaneswar	—	29.7	12.9	Mysuru	—	29.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	27.4	9.2	New Delhi	—	27.1	8.7
Chennai	1.1	27.0	24.2	Patna	—	27.5	16.1
Coimbatore	—	30.4	23.2	Port Blair	—	30.7	26.2
Dehradun	—	25.7	10.2	Puducherry	6	25.4	22.2
Gangtok	—	20.8	9.9	Pune	—	29.3	15.3
Goa	—	32.9	19.0	Raipur	—	28.2	13.5
Guwahati	—	28.6	16.1	Ranchi	—	26.7	10.2
Hubballi	—	28.0	16.0	Shillong	—	23.3	10.0
Hyderabad	—	28.3	13.2	Shimla	—	21.3	9.4
Imphal	—	27.0	16.4	Srinagar	—	16.3	-1.8
Jaipur	—	28.4	11.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.0	24.9
Kochi	—	30.4	24.8	Tiruchi	0.2	28.5	22.6
Kohima	—	16.5	8.5	Vijayawada	—	29.5	18.5
Kolkata	—	29.0	19.2	Visakhapatnam	—	29.6	21.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	..87	45	... 128	...172	
Bengaluru	...3	.25	30	 60	...215	
Chennai	.15	..27	30	... 236	...132	
Delhi	.58	131	98	... 382	...356	
Hyderabad	...4	.25	86	... 166	...134	
Kolkata	...2	.51	17	... 250	...175	
Lucknow	.12	..34	15	... 148	...207	
Mumbai	...9	..47	47	... 186	...254	
Pune	...9	..71	83	... 199	...196	
Visakhapatnam	.29	..41	25	... 146	...133	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 401 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nagaon, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 32

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Speaker delaying disqualification pleas is 'gross contempt': SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday warned that the Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar was in "gross contempt" for delaying a decision on petitions filed by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders seeking the disqualification of 10 of their MLAs who shifted allegiance to the ruling Congress party in the State.

In July, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai had allowed the Speaker three months to complete the disqualification proceedings under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

"Either this [disqualification petitions] have to be decided by next week or face contempt. This is gross contempt. We have already said he does not

Gaddam Prasad Kumar

enjoy constitutional immunity while acting as a tribunal under the Tenth Schedule. It is up to him to decide where he wants to spend on the New Year's day," Chief Justice Gavai observed.

Speaker's duty

In a previous hearing, the court clarified its power, and duty, to ensure that Speakers, acting as a quasi-judicial tribunal under the anti-defection law of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, did not sit over disqualification petitions till they "die a natural death" towards the end of the tenure of the House.

The court had expressed its resolve to not remain a silent spectator and watch from the gallery as a Speaker waited six months before the end of the tenure of a Legislative Assembly only to say "now there is no time left".

Justice Gavai had firmly said the court would not allow the Tenth Schedule to be reduced to a mockery. It had observed that political defections, unless addressed and curbed, had the power to disrupt democracy. The apex court is hearing petitions filed by BRS leaders, including K.T. Rama Rao and Padi Kaushik Reddy, seeking timely action by the Telangana Assembly Speaker on disqualification proceedings pending against 10 MLAs.

Revisit KSET result declaration norms to tune it with quota norms: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed that the authorities should revisit the "procedure and criteria for declaration of KSET results" and ensure that the rule of reservation as mandated in the Karnataka Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation and Appointment etc.) Act, 1990 is followed while declaring the results and certifying the candidates as eligible, subject-wise and category-wise.

Justice R. Devdas issued the direction to the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) Centre, Mysore University, and the University Grants Commission (UGC) while partly allowing a petition filed by Gopala A. of Bengaluru, who appeared for the Karnataka State Entrance Test (KSET) in the year 2021 and directing the authorities to declare the petitioner as successful and issue a certificate of SET to him.

The court issued the direction while noticing that the first two steps prescribed in the "procedure and criteria for declaration of KSET results" do follow the requirement of identification of slots and for providing reservation. However, the court pointed out, the third step gives a go by to the requirement of law in the matter of reservation, as prescribed in the Act of 1990.

"The third step should,

> Following the roster would be a simple solution for providing reservation in the matter of certifying candidates, subject-wise

therefore, be replaced by following the roster point prescribed by the State of Karnataka... Following the roster would be a simple solution for providing reservation in the matter of certifying candidates, subject-wise," the court said.

The formula prescribed by the UGC for SET does not take care of the statutory requirements of reservation enabled by the State of Karnataka under 1990 Act, the court noted.

Though certification in SET is not the case of appointment to any posts, nevertheless, since it is the process of certifying a candidate as eligible to apply to the posts of lecturer/assistant/professorship, the constitutional mandate adopted in the 1990 Act providing reservation has to be applied in this context also, the court said.

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Shri Arunachalam Vellayan

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Son of late Mr. M.V. Arunachalam

Shri Arunachalam Vellayan passed away peacefully at his residence.

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Tunnel vision

The Congress seems to be blaming the ECI to avoid introspection

The disastrous performance of the Mahagatbandhan, led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), in the Bihar Assembly elections, has been followed by claims attributing this to a purported collusion between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Election Commission of India (ECI). The RJD won 25 seats, the Congress six, the CPI (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) two, and the CPI (Marxist) just one. Allegations of vote theft revolve around pre-existing concerns about the ECI's perceived bias towards the BJP, and around the more contestable claim of manipulating electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). The exercise raised concerns that it was moving the responsibility of proving one's eligibility to vote to the people instead of strengthening the state and the ECI to continue upholding it. Concerns of this nature are relevant, including for the ongoing second phase of SIR. But prevailing explanations of the National Democratic Alliance's win are also not incredible, converging on high women's turnout, focused welfare and cash transfers, a recalibrated coalition of OBC and EBC groups, and organisational capacity. In fact, the ECI's decision to not restrain the Nitish Kumar government from transferring cash to beneficiaries of a State women's scheme, by accepting it as "ongoing", contradicts a bar the ECI set during the 2023 Rajasthan Assembly polls for Ashok Gehlot's Congress government. Thus, the allegations against the ECI are partly due to its concerning conduct.

However, there is no verifiable evidence that the pattern of deletions by SIR across booths aligns with the voting preferences of one coalition's supporters. There is also no method to match each deleted entry with a credible, pre-existing record of partisan preference. In the constituencies that the Mahagatbandhan covered in its 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', which framed deletions as part of a concerted attempt to dispossess specific groups of their franchise, it performed as poorly as in the rest of Bihar. This failure may be because the Mahagatbandhan neither consolidated public sentiment following the Yatra nor linked livelihood issues with the SIR's inclusivity. It also lacked credible answers to the NDA campaign that electing Tejashwi Yadav as Chief Minister would lead to 'jungle raj', a reference to the RJD's previous terms. The election was also fought on the question of who should be Chief Minister – Mr. Kumar or Mr. Yadav – and the polarisation on this question evidently favoured the former. Opposition parties, particularly the Congress, should assess their failures in Bihar in a way that does not undermine an already fragile public confidence in the ECI. Blaming the ECI to avoid introspection can be self-defeating for the Congress, to the extent that more of that is possible.

Power grab

General Munir's indirect coup in Pakistan could backfire on him

The 27th amendment to Pakistan's Constitution, passed on November 13, formalises what has long been an open secret – that the military establishment pulls the strings behind a facade of democracy. Gen. Asim Munir, the army chief, has been steadily consolidating power, and the Shehbaz Sharif coalition government operates with his blessings. In May, after a brief conflict with India, the government elevated Gen. Munir to the rank of Field Marshal – the second five-star General after Ayub Khan. The amendment goes further, restructuring the military command and the judiciary. It rewrites Article 243 of Pakistan's Constitution, introducing a post – Chief of Defence Forces, who will exercise authority over the Army, Navy and Air Force; the army chief will also serve as the Chief of Defence Forces. It also creates the post of Commander of the National Strategic Command, to oversee nuclear and strategic assets. The commander will be appointed by the Prime Minister on the Army chief's recommendation. Most strikingly, the amendment offers life-long immunity from criminal proceedings to any officer elevated to a five-star rank – currently, Gen. Munir – as well as the President. Five-star officers will remain in uniform for life and can be removed only through an impeachment-like process under Article 47.

In effect, Gen. Munir will be the new centralised power centre in the establishment. The amendment also strips the Supreme Court of its authority to interpret the Constitution, establishing a new constitutional court whose judges will be appointed by the government. Several senior judges have resigned in protest. Democracy has hardly been Pakistan's strong point. Yet, civil society and segments of the political class have, at critical moments, resisted powerful generals, reclaiming limited democratic space. Today, however, the ruling elite seem more willing than ever to play second fiddle to the generals. The only mainstream politician challenging Gen. Munir is Imran Khan, in prison for more than two years. With a weakened government and an opposition leadership behind bars, Gen. Munir is expanding his authority with the full comfort of constitutional protection. But the story of the rise of Pakistan's military strongmen typically ends with their eventual downfall. His power grab comes at a time when the country is fighting an insurgency in the tribal areas. Relations with India and Afghanistan are at a low. Imran Khan's PTI continues to challenge the 'hybrid' civil-military rule from the streets. And the economy is in chronic distress. Gen. Munir's response to these challenges was to stage an indirect coup using supine politicians. It could backfire sooner rather than later.

The lower judiciary — litigation, pendency, stagnation

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A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India, headed by the Chief Justice of India, recently linked the sense of stagnation in the subordinate judicial service to prolonged litigation and the huge pendency in India's courts. According to the National Judicial Data Grid, there are 4.69 crore cases pending in district courts. Another Bench of the Court has asked judges in Delhi to undergo training due to a lack of basic knowledge.

There are a few options to make changes in the administration of justice.

The Code of Civil Procedure and the Civil Rules of Practice contemplate procedures to be followed by courts in entertaining proceedings, issuing summons to the defendants, and for the appearance of parties. Subordinate judges handle this. They are forced to call every suit for the appearance of parties or order the issue of fresh summons and receive *vakalathnamas*. This takes up much time in the morning, leaving judges with very little time for the disposal of cases on merits. In most subordinate courts, the calling of cases goes on from 10.30 a.m. till well past noon. Quality time is lost by attending to such clerical and ministerial work.

A judicial officer in the lowest rank in hierarchy can be appointed in every district court to call all the cases of that particular cadre of courts (senior civil judges or civil judges or district *munsifs*, as the case may be). This court can do ministerial work the whole day and can also be assigned with the power to record *ex parte* evidence, issue of summons, receiving *vakalath* and written statements. At the end of the day, this court can list matters for trial and arguments the following day in each court. This list can be posted on the website in the evening.

The cases can be taken up, as in this list, from 10.30 a.m. every day by each court, and these courts can dispose of matters listed till evening. Even if some matters are adjourned, the orders can be still dictated, thus helping in judgements and case disposal.

The subordinate judiciary, its quality

There was a time when lawyers who practised law under the tutelage of a reputed lawyer in any branch of law, with at least 10 years of experience in the bar, used to be appointed district *munsif*/magistrates. Lawyers with more experience may also qualify after appearing for examinations for direct recruitment as district judges.

But now, judges are appointed without any experience and find it difficult to cope with the workload. In many cases, there are a number of judges who do not even pass orders as they are not equipped. Therefore, every civil judge or senior civil judge who is appointed must undergo training with different High Court Benches for a few months and observe how a High Court functions, how High Court judges hear matters, interact with lawyers, go through the judgments cited and study how orders are passed. This work culture by observation is a step that will definitely improve the working of the subordinate judge judiciary.

There are solutions to improve the working of the subordinate judicial service

Whenever a statute is passed, new provisions are introduced, purportedly for the quick disposal of cases. But, in many cases, results are not achieved for expeditious disposal. On the contrary, there is a negative impact.

A typical example is Section 12(a) of the Commercial Courts Act and its provisions making pre suit mediation mandatory. The Supreme Court, while interpreting Section12(a), has held, in *Patil Automation vs Rakheja Engineers* (2022 (7) MLJ 139), that this provision is mandatory and that the plaint is liable to be rejected without pre suit mediation. In commercial cases, parties who are in business would have already exchanged notices. Only where exchange of notices do not result in settlement, do they resort to a legal proceeding in court. Therefore, at the time of filing the suit, it would be known where the matter is headed. So, where is the need to make mediation mandatory and direct the plaintiff to exhaust the remedy of mediation before filing the claim?

Another example is the six-month cooling-off period in marriage laws in filing for consent divorce. The parties concerned often want the disposal of the case within this period. Once a couple decides to separate on mutual terms, a pertinent issue is on whether they should be forced to wait for six months. Some courts do not allow this cooling- off period to be dispensed with, leading to further proceedings and pendency. It is not known if it is wise to have a one-year separation in filing a mutual consent petition, while the same is not applicable in a contested petition. An untrue declaration is made by the parties – making it out as if they have been separated for more than one year – to move a petition. Some of these provisions result in pendency and also the litigant facing frustration.

A third example is the new Rent Act. There is enough confusion already as to whether the absence of a written registered lease can vest the rent court with jurisdiction in conflicting judicial opinion. Armed with the same set of facts, one can approach a civil or a commercial court (in the case of commercial lease), but not a rent court. These anomalies could have been avoided had the legislation accepted oral lease as well as delivery of possession recognised by the Transfer of Property Act, as before. In the case of the lease of residential properties and small apartments, parties do not want to spend on stamp duty and registration fee for lease. The nebulous state of affairs created through statute is another reason for pendency in courts.

Archaic procedural law

A number of provisions in the Code of Civil Procedure have also become a tool for some litigants to delay proceedings. These provisions are misused for which there are many examples.

For instance, why should there be a preliminary decree and final decree in a partition action? Why cannot one decree be passed dividing the properties or order sale under the Partition Act soon after the passing of the decree?

Even if two decrees are contemplated, why should not the final decree proceeding be an automatic continuation of the preliminary decree, without a fresh application causing delay? Similarly, execution proceedings are not easily terminated because of many provisions under Order XXI of the Code which can be used by the judgment debtors to delay the process of execution. For example, why should there be 106 rules under Order XXI, many of which are hyper technical?

Unless drastic steps are taken to modify the procedure and compel parties to provide ways and means to satisfy the decree if passed in due course (even at the stage of framing and the list of assets by disclosure are made), a citizen will be forced to visit courts for years to realise his decree. This will be his plight in respect of all money claims including arbitration awards passed in his favour. There is a need to simplify the process of the execution of decrees and awards. and it is here that fast track procedure is needed.

What is important is the quick termination of the proceeding and not merely the conduct of trial or further proceedings by way of appeal. The code might have served the purpose when it was passed in 1908, but it is unfortunate that even after amendments in 1976 and 2002, there is still no solution to have the proceedings concluded expeditiously.

An example is the Amendment to Order VIII Rule 1 CPC making it mandatory for a defendant to file a written statement within 90 days (the Plaintiff can gather details for years to file the suit). What happens if the written statement is filed within 90 days? The suit is still not disposed of immediately and the trial takes its own course, especially when the right to appeal is exercised by the aggrieved party. So, why have a time frame only for filing the written statement?

This provision has not helped the cause other than its resulting in slipshod pleadings. While the time frame is fine when it is about money claims, it does not work in title suits.

Pendency and the higher judiciary

The issue of there being huge pendency needs to be addressed by the higher judiciary also. The termination of a judicial proceeding within a reasonable time – not a hasty approach to a proceeding when it commences or is work in progress – is the urgent need.

Solutions to reduce pendency ought to be considered. Unless we give up archaic laws and recruit competent lawyers as judges, we cannot expect the qualitative disposal of cases. Nor will pendency reduce.

The subordinate judiciary should be allowed to function as judges and not be a ministerial court officer ordering the issue of fresh summons, receiving *vakalathnama* and pleadings, and calling cases and writing notes on the docket for nearly two hours every day.

India needs to 'connect, build and revive' with Africa

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Ten years ago, New Delhi hosted the last India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III). The 2015 summit was a moment of significance. Marking a leap in India's diplomatic imagination under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India had welcomed representatives from all 54 African states.

Since then India has added 17 new missions across Africa. Trade has surpassed $100 billion. Investment flows are gathering pace. India's support for Africa's global voice has grown. It was key in ensuring full membership for the African Union in the G-20. It is now time to take stock, not only of promises made but also of the foundations laid.

The opportunities and challenges

By 2050, one in four people on earth will be in Africa. India will be the world's third largest economy. Between these two lies a potential growth corridor of commerce, demography, technology and aspiration.

India is among Africa's top five investors, with cumulative investments of $75 billion. However, the underlying model has shifted. From ports to power lines, vaccine production to digital tools, the message for engagement is clear. Build together.

The evolution of ties is visible. In April 2025, India and nine African navies (Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, the Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania) exercised together in the first Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME), initiating a security partnership rooted in shared oceanic geography.

India's Exim Bank recently extended a $40 million commercial credit line to the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) – modest in scale, but a signal of interest in African-led development. Education remains a trusted pillar.

Ten years after India hosted the last India-Africa Forum Summit, the next chapter needs to be written

The new campus of IIT Madras, in Zanzibar, is the most visible example. Behind it stands decades of knowledge partnerships, including the Pan-African e-Network and India's Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme, which continue to train thousands across the continent.

These are not isolated efforts but part of a growing web. Beyond that, India continues to push for African representation in global institutions and contributes to United Nations peacekeeping missions on the continent.

India's trade with Africa is growing, but it still lags behind China. Indian firms arrive full of promise but are often slowed by small balance sheets and bureaucratic drag. The temptation to scale back is real, but erroneous.

Instead, India must move up the value chain. That means co-investing in future-facing sectors – green hydrogen, electric mobility and digital infrastructure. Africa today is asserting its terms. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is laying the groundwork for a single continental market. India's UPI and digital stack can complement this transformation. Alas, tools alone are not strategy. Delivery is. In cities such as Kigali (Rwanda), Nairobi (Kenya) and Lagos (Nigeria), African innovation ecosystems are growing. But the competition is global.

The human link

India's most enduring export to Africa is not technology. It is talent. Nearly 40,000 Africans have studied in India in the last decade, through the ITEC, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the e-Network platforms. Many have returned to shape policy, run ministries or lead innovation back home. They are living bridges that carry trust across borders.

The movement is not one way. African students, athletes and entrepreneurs are carving their space in India. Nigerian footballers such as Ranti Martins have become household names. The Indian cricket team's fast bowling coach is South Africa's Morne Morkel. African voices are present in India's universities and laboratories. The partnership is not just strategic. It is lived.

Looking to the future

If India wants to sustain this momentum, three moves matter.

First, connect finance to real outcomes. Every line of credit must lead to something visible and valuable. Public finance must de-risk, not displace, private capital.

Second, build an India-Africa digital corridor. This should rest not only on UPI and India Stack but also on Africa's digital strengths. Together, we can co-develop platforms for health, education and payments that serve the Global South.

Third, revive the institutional backbone. The IAFS has not met since 2015. That Summit, at Mr. Modi's insistence, brought all of Africa together. As its chief coordinator, this writer saw first-hand the diplomatic energy it released. It is time to bring that spirit back as a date on India's diplomatic calendar.

There was a time when merchants crossed the Indian Ocean in search of spice and gold. Today, India and Africa are not just exchanging goods. They are beginning to exchange confidence, capacity, ideas, and connecting futures.

A decade after India welcomed all of Africa to Delhi, the next chapter needs to be written. India once extended a hand to the whole of Africa. Now it is time to join hands and build together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The election, its messages

The emphatic mandate for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the Bihar Assembly elections 2025 signals a public preference for administrative stability. Yet, it should not be construed as an unqualified endorsement of the government's overall performance. The notably high participation of women, youth, and Economically Backward Extremely Backward Class voters suggests that welfare delivery and targeted schemes shaped the outcome. But these groups also have the sharpest expectations for improvements in employment opportunities, public safety and essential services. At the same time, the Opposition's continued reliance on narrow caste alignments limited its ability to present a convincing developmental alternative, thereby constraining the quality of electoral choice available to citizens.

This verdict is less an ideological victory and more a pragmatic selection by voters for whoever appears better positioned to deliver immediate gains.

Devanshi Sawai,
Chandigarh

The value of education, reason and enlightenment in politics has taken a back seat. It is painful to have an author and professor lose the Bihar election, while a misogynist with a tainted record becomes the "representative of the people". Many may say that politics runs on oratory, street-smartness and political cunning. This is a dangerous excuse. True political skill should never be confused with muscle power, money power, caste mobilisation or crude theatrics.

Real skill must be measured by vision – the ability to steer a nation toward justice, progress, and inclusive development. When a society starts mocking its scholars and celebrating strongmen who thrive on hatred and intimidation, it has begun its descent.

Dr. Javaid,
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The need for a social audit for SIR 2.0

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On the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2.0 in 12 States and UTs, *The Hindu* editorial said, "The experience in Bihar suggests that the process... could risk the disenfranchisement of a significant number of people... As this exercise unfolds, it is incumbent upon civil society, the media and parties to assume a role of intense vigilance lest this affects the integrity of India's electoral democracy."

The Bihar exercise

Bihar has just undergone a SIR of its electoral roll. The documentation-heavy process, which sought to re-verify the voter eligibility of residents, triggered widespread concern over mass disenfranchisement and the stealth operationalisation of a citizenship screening regime. The 'revised electoral rolls' have several serious flaws including a sharp decline in the adult-elector ratio, disproportionate deletions of women and Muslim voters, and duplicate names and bogus entries. Disenfranchisement, as feared, has already taken place.

The ECI's conduct throughout the Bihar SIR has raised troubling questions about its impartiality and institutional integrity. Its court filings and public statements reveal that the institution appears to have become increasingly unresponsive to scrutiny and resistant to accountability and more concerned with defending its own authority than ensuring genuine inclusivity and integrity of the electoral roll.

The Supreme Court, which has been monitoring the legality of the exercise, has refused to address the core question of legality – the ECI's powers to conduct an SIR and existence of any Rules thereof – and has allowed the exercise to proceed unchecked. Its interventions mitigated some procedural inequities but failed to prevent their consolidation. By failing to ensure meaningful corrective action, the Court risks legitimising an unwarranted framework that has produced far-reaching and discriminatory outcomes for minority and marginalised sections.

Furthermore, there is an issue of voting rights for internal migrants which is particularly serious in Tamil Nadu. Section 19 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, requires that a person is 'ordinarily resident' in a constituency for inclusion in its electoral roll. Section 20 provides the meaning of the term 'ordinarily resident'. It is archaic and does not address the three distinct categories of present-day migrants: long-term or semi-permanent migrants – those who relocate for a longer period, often for education or permanent employment; short-term/seasonal migrants – those who move for a specific period, typically for work during a particular season; circular migrants – those who move back and forth between their home and work destination.

Participatory democracy

The current SIR is bereft of proper Rules, oversight, scrutiny or audit. This brings out the case for a mandatory social audit for electoral roll revision and verification. Social audits in India are an institutionalised process of participatory democracy by which individuals and communities are empowered to "audit" any activity or service carried out for their benefit or in their name. This would therefore involve the public auditing of the entire cycle of an activity by the people themselves.

The Constitution under Article 243A and 243J empowers such monitoring and audit. Social audit has become an institutionalised mechanism mandated by law. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has also approved social audits as necessary for universal monitoring of any mass-based programme and has laid down processes and procedures these.

India's electoral system is anchored on universal adult franchise. This is only ensured when every eligible voter finds their name on the electoral roll. The current SIR has no checks and balances and is susceptible to external influences and interferences. Besides, in a country where 30% to 40% of registered voters don't even turn up to vote, to expect the entire voting population to actually apply and reapply to be on the voting list is unfair and impractical. To ask them to produce fresh proof of citizenship through copies of documents named is an abdication of responsibility by the ECI to prepare the rolls and make accurate additions and deletions. This is a task best carried out with the involvement of the people through an open and mandatory social audit process.

Social audit is an open, individual and collective application of mind of the people, using existing base documents and records, and providing testimonies to corroborate the records or question the information they contain. The panchayat/ward/booth-level social audits are the best possible intensive revision of electoral rolls that will ensure the least possible manipulation and the greatest possible inclusion for universal adult franchise in India.

Such a social audit process was tested and put to use by the ECI and citizens' groups in 2003 when J.M. Lyngdoh was the Chief Election Commissioner. Based on the suggestions from citizens' groups, the ECI had ordered that decentralised social audits be carried out in every gram sabha and/or ward sabha of the five States that were going to the polls later that year. The existing electoral rolls, as updated by the booth-level officer, were used as a base. In Rajasthan alone, over 7 lakh changes were made as a result (or consequence) of this process. So, there is precedence.

The ECI would be well advised to follow this path and lay down Rules including mandatory social audit in consultation with civil society and political parties before proceeding further with SIR 2.0. This is a must to safeguard the integrity of electoral democracy.

The current Special Intensive Revision exercise is bereft of proper Rules, oversight, scrutiny or audit

Time for a re-look at road engineering

This basic aspect of road safety is often overlooked and is a cause for accidents

STATE OF PLAY

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A series of horrific road accidents that have killed dozens of people over the last few weeks has jolted Telangana's collective conscience. A sleeper bus travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru caught fire on a national highway near Kurnool, killing 19 passengers. In another accident, a lorry carrying gravel swerved to avoid a pothole and collided with a State-run passenger bus at Chevella, also killing 19 people. These incidents have drawn national attention, prompting the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety to hold meetings with stakeholders in Hyderabad to address road safety issues.

The Cyberabad police are knocking on the doors of serial violators with numerous unpaid traffic challans. But to blame motorists and traffic rule violations alone would be a gross oversimplification of a national crisis. The real story lies deeper, in what we have chosen to ignore.

One factor that receives far less focus than it should is road engineering. The engineering model for a safe road includes road dividers, pavements, shoulders, traffic calming methods, and easily readable signages. Yet this basic aspect of road safety is often overlooked in the rush to put more vehicles on the road. The first step taken while widening roads in urban areas it to erase footpaths. Accessible footpaths remain hard to find in Hyderabad, like in other parts of the country.

A World Bank Environmental and Social Systems Assessment study of 2022 found that "more than half of the crash

victims are pedestrians, cyclists, or motorcyclists, the so-called Vulnerable Road Users, often the poorer members of society. Road crashes also affect poor rural families disproportionately, with a greater percentage falling into economic distress after road crashes than other parts of the population." The study identified the lack of footpaths and the obstruction of existing ones by temporary shops and parked vehicles as key factors in pedestrian casualties.

In Telangana's cities, where there are pedestrian spaces, they are inevitably occupied – by cars, two-wheelers, hawkers, or food kiosks. Any action to relocate hawkers immediately degenerates into an us-versus-them spat that rattles politicians under whose protection these businesses thrive. The inability to negotiate this conflict keeps cities locked in a cycle where road safety is always compromised for political convenience. Roads which are unsafe for pedestrians are unsafe for motorists as well. There are solutions for relocating hawkers so that livelihoods are balanced with safety. One way is to strictly enforce designated vending zones rather than letting pop-up vending zones thrive.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data (2023) shows that 27,586 pedestrians were killed in road accidents across the country. In Telangana, 1,554 pedestrians were killed. This is about 16% of all the road fatalities nationally and 20% of the road fatalities in Telangana. The NCRB does not tabulate data for accidents that can be linked to road engineering. It has broad categories such as 'lack of road infrastructure' and 'vehicles parking at road shoulders'.

The road accident at Chevella also highlighted another factor in road engineering – the state of road maintenance. Discussions about road accidents too often focus solely on highway black spots rather than adopting a holistic view that considers all contributing factors. The State has to create a dedicated fund to map and maintain road infrastructure if it wants to lower fatalities on roads. India is a signatory to the Stockholm Declaration on Road Safety. The 2020 declaration called upon countries to halve road traffic deaths by 2030. The declaration calls upon countries to "include road safety and a safe system approach as an integral element of land use, street design, transport system planning and governance, especially for vulnerable road users and in urban areas, by strengthening institutional capacity with regard to road safety laws and law enforcement, vehicle safety, infrastructure improvements, public transport, post-crash care, and data." Halfway through the goalpost, India and Telangana appear nowhere near reaching it.

To make Telangana's roads safer, a multi-pronged approach is needed. This must include road engineering, social engineering, and an awareness campaign that is as pervasive and relentless as the anti-smoking campaign. The situation demands the same urgency, national mobilisation, and clarity of purpose.

The NDA's unified strategy and disciplined coordination in Bihar

Coalition chemistry and the leadership factor played decisive roles in the victory of the National Democratic Alliance

DATA POINT

Sandeep Shastri

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s victory in Bihar represents a well curated strategy for success. Two elements of this strategy merit attention and deeper analysis. The first is the near-perfect chemistry within the winning alliance and its visible absence in the Mahagatbandhan (MGB). All the partners in the NDA contributed to its success, while in the case of the MGB, much of the shoring up of the alliance was left to the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). There was inter-dependence among the partners in terms of seat allocation within the NDA. However, in the MGB, there was again an overwhelming dependence on the RJD.

Second, key leaders in the NDA directed both the campaign of the alliance and that of individual partners. This was a recipe for victory. The fact that the NDA is the ruling alliance at the Centre also helped. On the other hand, the leaders among the MGB went their own individual ways and whenever visible, sang their individual political tunes, with little visible cohesion or a common focus.

NDA supporters hold placards of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, in Patna. ANI

The question of sharing seats

The five parties within the NDA resolved seat-sharing issues much before the closing of nominations. Within the NDA, the two major partners – the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Janata Dal (United) or JD(U) – contested an equal number of seats and between them, accounted for more than eight of every 10 of the NDA candidates. The BJP ensured that its seat share was on a par with the JD(U) while the other partners – the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) or HAM, and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) – were allotted the remaining seats. The LJP, which had fought the 2020 Assembly polls on its own, was allotted a large chunk of seats. While this was a much-debated issue during the campaign, in retrospect, this strategy helped in keeping the alliance votes together. The smaller parties, though unhappy with the seat allotment, fell in line, given the unique dynamics among the constituents of the NDA. On the other hand, whenever the MGB was unable to settle seat-sharing issues, it permitted 'friendly fights' in several seats between coalition partners.

The results indicate that all the five alliance partners of the NDA contributed through a high individual score. Data based on a post-election survey done by PollsMap indicates that the NDA's constituents, if contesting independently, would have more or less secured the same share of votes. The only exception would have been the BJP. In its case, the vote share, if the party had contested independently, would have been much higher. If the NDA got 81 seats more than last time, 24 of these seats (30%) came from the three smaller partners. The JD(U) recovered from the setback it faced in 2020 and won an additional 42 seats and the BJP increased its tally by 15 seats. Thus, all the parties in the alliance pulled together. The vote share of the NDA increased by over 9%, the bulk of which came from parties other than the BJP. This indicates a smooth vote transfer across alliance partners.

In the MGB, all the eight key parties saw a marginal decline in their vote share as compared to 2020. The decline in each case was less than 1%, with the highest being in the case of the Congress (0.77%). The RJD's seat tally was down to one-third of what it won last time, though its vote share declined by merely 0.11%. This is indicative of the inability of the alliance partners to combine effectively and ensure a meaningful vote transfer. A decline of vote share across the board is also a reflection of their individual inability to enhance their respective vote shares. Within the MGB, while the RJD saw a decline in seats won, the performance of its alliance partners saw a sharper decline.

Leadership question

The leadership sweepstakes also assume relevance. The NDA did not consciously declare a chief ministerial candidate even though Nitish Kumar had been Chief Minister for most of the last two decades. This worked to its advantage. A review of the campaign indicates that the BJP went into the election under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. No State-level leader of the BJP was projected during the campaign. The party highlighted what it felt represented its success in other States of north India and also showcased what it considered its record at the national level over the last decade.

The JD(U) focused on its achievements as part of ruling coalitions under the leadership of Mr. Kumar. Its campaign centred around welfare schemes and what it termed as good governance and a good law-and-order situation.

The three other parties in the NDA focused on their individual leaders and their specific core agendas, even as they highlighted the leadership of the Central government of which they are a part.

Survey data indicate that there was a clear 5% point lead that Mr. Kumar enjoyed over Tejashwi Yadav in the preference for Chief Minister. Past surveys have also indicated that most respondents focus more on the party than the candidate. More often than not, parties, especially in Bihar, are linked to the face of the leader. While the party as represented by its leadership is a key element, leaders on their own also contributed to bolstering the party vote. Thus, among those who voted for the BJP, JD(U), and the RJD, Mr. Modi, Mr. Kumar, and Mr. Yadav respectively accounted exclusively for one of every five votes – meaning that people voted for these parties primarily because of the leadership factor and they may have voted differently in the absence of the respective leader. A focus on the party in general and the leadership in particular was the principal approach adopted by all the NDA's constituents.

While the MGB declared Mr. Yadav as its chief ministerial face, that did little to contribute to a unified campaign. It was also a decision which came a little late in the day. The Congress appeared a reluctant supporter of this move and this was evident in its campaign style. Declaring Mukesh Sahani of the Vikasheel Insan Party as the candidate for the post of Deputy Chief Minister did not help either. The Deputy Chief Ministerial candidate was himself not a contestant and all the 12 candidates of his party lost the elections.

While other factors may surely have contributed to the outcome, the fact that a significant chunk of the NDA's votes came on the basis of the leadership factor suggests that the Modi-Nitish combination paid dividends for the winning coalition. The absence of such an arrangement in the MGB worked clearly to its disadvantage.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 18, 1975

India-Bangla border quiet: Reports of clash termed false

New Delhi, Nov. 17: India to-day described as "utterly false and mischievous and a pure figment of imagination" reports in certain sections of the international press about clashes between the Indian and Bangladesh security forces in the border area.

These reports had also talked of armed intrusions across the border.

An official spokesman said the border between India and Bangladesh "remains quiet and peaceful, with normal movement of passenger and goods traffic across it".

In another statement the spokesman described as an incident of "utmost gravity" the discovery of a live hand grenade in the precincts of the residence of Mr. Samar Sen, Indian High Commissioner in Dacca on November 15.

The spokesman issued the following statement denying the border clashes: "Stories have been appearing in certain sections of the international press about clashes between Indian and Bangladesh Security Forces in the border area and about armed intrusions across the border.

"These stories are utterly false and mischievous and a pure figment of imagination. They are apparently conjured up by interested quarters to create misunderstanding and tension between India and Bangladesh.

"The border between India and Bangladesh remains quiet and peaceful with normal movement of passenger and good traffic across it."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 18, 1925

Bombay mills crisis

Bombay, Nov. 17: The International Textile Workers' Federation has sent £300 to the Mill hands, Relief Committee, Bombay, as the second instalment for the relief of the strikers.

The strike situation has not improved to-day owing to yesterday's intimidation tactics of the rowdy element, though there are a very large number of men anxious to resume work.

Impoverished strikers are receiving doles from the Relief Committee, who have extended their activities.

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45 Indian pilgrims die in accident in Saudi Arabia

A handout photo shows Syed Naseeruddin and his family before their departure for Saudi Arabia, in Hyderabad. PTI

"Of the 54, four had already left for Medina after completing *Umrah* in Mecca in private vehicles. Four others decided to stay back in Mecca. The remaining 46 began their journey on Sunday night," the official said.

It was learnt the bus driver and his assistant, suspected to be locals, also died in the accident.

The police have collected the full list of passengers and their details from the travel companies involved, allowing officials to coordinate with families. The Consulate General of India in Jeddah has set up a 24x7 Control Room to support families of the victims.

The contact details of the helpline are: 8002440003 (toll free), 0122614093, 0126614276 and +966556122301 (WhatsApp).

The Telangana government announced an ex gratia of ₹5 lakh to the family of each of the deceased. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting held at the Secretariat on Monday.

The Cabinet also decided to send an official team to Saudi Arabia, led by Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin. An All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA and a senior official from the Minority Welfare Department will accompany him. Two family members of each victim will also be able to travel to the accident site.

Hasina, aide get death penalty for crackdown

The verdict by the International Crimes Tribunal-1 (ICT-1) represents the most dramatic legal action against the Awami League leader and comes just months before the parliamentary election scheduled for February. The tribunal also asked the government to provide compensation to the families of the victims and to those injured during the crackdown.

Attorney-General Md Asaduzzaman said Ms. Hasina, who is now in exile in India, and Mr. Khan, who is also in exile, cannot appeal the ruling as long as they remain fugitives. He further said the court had ordered the attachment and confiscation of all properties belonging to Ms. Hasina and Mr. Khan within Bangladesh, and that the state would take all necessary legal measures to implement the verdict.

Awami League activists took out processions across the country against the verdict. Several of them were arrested.

Shortly after the verdict, Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. (Retd) Jahangir Alam alleged that attempts are being made "from a neighbouring country" to destabilise Bangladesh's security and law-and-order situation.

"We urge the Government of India to immediately extradite the two convicts to the Bangladeshi authorities," Dhaka's Foreign Ministry said in a statement, adding that it was "an obligatory responsibility for India". Bangladesh warned that "granting asylum to these convicts... would be extremely unfriendly and an affront to justice."

The Awami League denounced the ruling. "We reject this illegal and politically motivated verdict of the 'Kangaroo Court' against Bangabandhu's daughter, the leader of the people and the President of the Awami League. We hope that the people of Bangladesh will reject this verdict. We will establish the rule of law in the country by releasing [Muhammad] Yunus very soon," Awami League organising secretary Shafiul Alam Chowdhury Nadel told *The Hindu*.

SC says perennial GRAP is not answer to Delhi air pollution

Air quality degradation has to be dealt through a long-term policy, which does not impact the livelihoods of labourers and daily wagers, the court says; Centre's response sought on the matter

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday told the Centre that air pollution's choke-hold on the national capital cannot be pried loose by slapping a "perennial GRAP" (Graded Response Action Plan) across Delhi and the National Capital Region.

The toxicity had to be dealt with gradually, through a long-term policy, which did not impact the livelihoods of migrant labourers and daily wagers, the court said.

"The solution is not to take a short-term measure effective for one or two months. The government has to bring all the stakeholders on board and consider a solution which would see air pollution diminishing over the years," Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai observed.

The Chief Justice said "harsh" measures like imposing GRAP throughout the year till the air quality index (AQI) drastically dipped would have other massive repercussions affecting the livelihoods of lakhs of daily labourers and construction workers.

Toxic air: Smog envelops the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

At one point, even the Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, for the Centre, said "knee-jerk" reactions to air pollution, caused by a heavy cocktail of stubble-burning fumes from neighbouring States such as Punjab and Haryana, vehicular emissions, and construction debris, etc., would only prove counter-productive.

"Even the Supreme Court would not be able to function with perennial GRAP... There would be no cars allowed," the CJI said.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who had suggested GRAP throughout the year, said the court could consider online hearing of cases. Mr. Sankaranarayanan also suggested a heavier road tax for cars.

Amicus curiae Aparajita Singh, focusing on the issue of stubble-burning, explained that the practice grew after the implementation of the Groundwater Preservation Act of 2009, which shortened the time between harvesting paddy and sowing wheat. "So the best option for farmers was to burn the crop stubble," Ms. Singh explained.

Mr. Sankaranarayanan suggested advancing the farmers' schedule for harvesting paddy. "Paddy should be harvested earlier, when the wind does not come to Delhi," he said.

The Centre had allocated over ₹2,000 crore to States, including Punjab and Haryana, to buy machinery for the *in-situ* removal of stubble from the fields in order to use them as manure or as fuel.

"The allocation of money or machinery is not the solution... The AQI threshold in India is very high. They allow high levels of pollution before GRAP kicks, unlike in other foreign countries," Mr. Sankaranarayanan submitted.

The court asked Ms. Bhati to consult with the government and come back by Wednesday.

Apex court warns Maharashtra govt. on 50% quota limit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said the Maharashtra government should not "question the powers of the court" and exceed the 50% threshold while reserving seats for Other Backward Classes (OBC) in local bodies which are scheduled to go to the polls in December.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said the court would allow the elections to go ahead only if the OBC quota remained within the bounds of the 50% mark set by a Constitution Bench in *K. Krishna Murthy v. Union of India*.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for Maharashtra, urged the court to allow the election process to go ahead for now. "The Constitution Bench judgment is very clear. The vertical reservation in local bodies cannot go beyond 50%," Justice Bagchi remarked.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for petitioners, said the State was holding elections as per the 2022 J.K. Banthia Commission report, which had recommended a 27% quota for OBCs. "If this happens, the aggregate reservation would go up to 70%," he submitted.

"If the plea [of the State] is that nomination has begun and the court should stay its hand, then we will stay the elections. Do not test the powers of this court," Justice Kant said, addressing Mr. Mehta.

On May 6, the top court had allowed the local body elections to be conducted in the State, provided the OBC reservation was maintained as it had existed before the J.K. Banthia Commission report.

The local body elections in the State have been stuck since 2022 due to litigation over the implementation of the OBC reservation. The order to go ahead with the elections was passed in May 2025 in the spirit of upholding the Constitutional mandate of grassroots democracy.

On Friday, the Bench reminded the State government that the question of validity of the Banthia panel report was still *sub judice*. It then posted the case for further hearing on Wednesday.

J&K parties question handling of explosives

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have questioned the handling of a huge cache of seized explosives by the police, which resulted in an accidental explosion at the Nowgam police station in Srinagar on November 14.

Leaders of the ruling National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the CPI(M) have demanded a thorough probe into the incident, which left nine dead and 32 injured.

"Sensitive material should never have been kept in a way that could endanger lives. Responsibility has to be fixed. If it was an accidental blast, then prove it," NC MP Aga Syed Ruhullah said. He demanded that the findings of a probe be made public.

Former Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti asked "why nobody has been suspended or responsibility fixed so far".

CPI(M) MLA M.Y. Tarigami said unnecessary risks could have been avoided had the chemical examination and sampling been done at Faridabad.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and dignitaries observe a moment of silence in memory of the blast victims on Monday. ANI

Delhi blast culprits will get strictest punishment: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the culprits behind the November 10 Delhi blast will be brought before the country's judiciary and given the "strictest possible punishment".

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, eliminating terrorism from its roots is our collective commitment," said Mr. Shah in Faridabad in Haryana, as he chaired the 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council (NZC).

The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers Nayab Singh Saini (Haryana), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu (Himachal Pradesh), Bhajan Lal Sharma (Rajasthan), Omar Abdullah (Jammu and Kashmir), and Rekha Gupta (Delhi); Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria; and Lieutenant-Governors Manoj Sinha (Jammu and Kashmir), Vinai Kumar Saxena (Delhi), and Kavinder Gupta (Ladakh), among others.

Mr. Shah said Zonal Councils are extremely important platforms for dialogue, cooperation, coordination, and policy synergy.

In the meeting, the Himachal Pradesh government asked the Centre to secure Himachal's "legitimate right" over the Union Territory of Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.

Court sends blast accused to NIA custody for 10 days; one more suspect arrested

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested another key accused in connection with the car bomb blast near the Red Fort on November 10, which claimed 14 lives and injured about 30 people.

The accused, Jasir Bilal Wani alias Danish, was arrested from Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir. He is a resident of Qazigund in Anantnag. Ahead of the car bomb explosion, he had allegedly provided technical support for carrying out terror attacks by modifying drones and attempting to make rockets.

Danish was a co-conspirator and had worked closely with the alleged terrorist, Umar Un Nabi, to plan the car bomb attack, said the agency on Monday.

Earlier, the NIA had arrested Amir Rashid Ali, in whose name the car involved in the blast was registered. He is a resident of Samboora in J&K's Pampore and had allegedly conspired with Nabi, who was a doctor by profession. On Monday, the agency produced the accused before a Delhi court that sent him to 10-day NIA custody.

Accused Amir Rashid Ali, in whose name the car involved in the blast was registered, at Patiala House Court in New Delhi. PTI

"Amir had come to Delhi to facilitate the purchase of the car which was eventually used as a vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (IED) to trigger the blast. The NIA has forensically established the identity of the deceased driver of the vehicle-borne IED as Umar Un Nabi, a resident of Pulwama district and Assistant Professor in General Medicine Department in Al-Falah University at Faridabad (Haryana)," according to the NIA.

Another vehicle belonging to Nabi has been seized. The NIA has so far examined 73 witnesses, including those injured in the blast, for clues. It is working in close coordination with the police of Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, besides various other agencies.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) has questioned a local doctor who rented out accommodation to a female doctor from Haryana. The State police has also launched a drive to check the antecedents of car dealers and fertilizer/chemical sellers.

It had earlier seized about 2,900 kg of explosives, including ammonium nitrate, during raids in Haryana's Faridabad.

27 lakh MGNREGS deletions an attempt to deny rural poor right to work: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress launched a scathing attack on the Union government following revelations that nearly 27 lakh workers were deleted from the MGNREGS database between October 10 and November 14, a figure that far exceeds the total deletions recorded over the previous six months.

Citing a report by *The Hindu*, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh accused the government of systematically dismantling the rural employment guarantee scheme. "Another day, another attempt to deny India's rural poor their legislative right to employment," he posted on *X*.

Jairam Ramesh

The spike in deletions coincides with the rollout of the e-KYC verification process, which the government says is aimed at weeding out ineligible beneficiaries.

The government, however, has ruled out a correlation between the two and said that the verification of MNREGS workers is a continuous process.

However, activists and data analysts from Lib Tech have flagged the deletions as "unusual" and potentially exclusionary. States with high e-KYC completion rates, such as Andhra Pradesh (78.4%), Tamil Nadu (67.6%), and Chhattisgarh (66.6%), have reported the highest number of deletions.

'2 cr. workers excluded'

Mr. Ramesh alleged that the National Mobile Monitoring System used for digitally capturing attendance of workers and the Aadhaar-Based Payment System used for disbursing wages have already excluded an estimated two crore workers from accessing their legal entitlements under the MGNREGS.

He called these digital tools "exclusionary technologies" masquerading as transparency reforms.

Delhi blast toll rises to 14; police probe university links to attack

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

One more victim of the Delhi blast died on Monday, according to the Delhi Police, taking the toll to 14.

The police identified the deceased as Vinayak Pathak (50), who was on a ventilator after he was injured in the high intensity blast on November 10.

Chairman summoned

The Delhi Police has also summoned the chairman of Al-Falah University, Javed Ahmad, to record his statement on the functioning of the university and its links to people suspected of involvement in the attack.

"There are too many discrepancies in the statement recorded in relation to the functioning of the university, so he has been summoned again to clarify and also provide crucial information about the hiring process," said an official.

The police said that those accused used Signal to communicate. "They made a group on Signal three months before the blast to share information and give each other instructions," the official said. Dr. Umar U. Nabi made the group and added Muzzamil, Adeel, Irfan, and Muzzafa, he added.

Investigators have continued to go through the records of the university and are conducting background checks of all those who have been associated with the university.

Meanwhile, the Madhya Pradesh Police arrested Javed's younger brother, Hamood Ahmad Siddiqui, in connection with three fraud cases registered in Indore district's Mhow on Monday.

Father of terror accused youth dies of burn injuries

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The father of a terror-accused youth died of burns on Monday at a Srinagar hospital, a day after he set himself on fire in south Kashmir's Kulgam.

The deceased was identified as Bilal Ahmad Wani, father of Jasir Bilal alias Danish. The victim, a dry fruit seller, had also detained for questioning but was released. Wani had been upset over his son's and a brother's detention.

Special revision of poll rolls to be conducted in Assam, says EC

The door-to-door verification will take place in State from November 22 to December 20; voters will not have to fill out any enumeration forms; the integrated draft electoral rolls will be published on December 27 and the final rolls on February 10

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday announced a special revision of electoral rolls in Assam, where Assembly election is scheduled to be held next year.

The poll body is notably not conducting the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State, pending the status of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The 2019 NRC list in Assam excluded nearly 19.6 lakh persons from the list of 3.3 crore applicants, but no final notification has been issued to date. The Assam government has challenged the NRC in its current form in the Supreme Court.

While announcing the second phase of the national SIR on October 27, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar had said, "Under the Citizenship Act, there are separate provisions for citizenship in Assam. Under the supervision of the Supreme Court, the exercise of checking citizenship is about to be completed. The June 24 SIR order was for the entire country. Under such circumstances, this would not apply to Assam."

Crucial process: The special revision of the voters' list in Assam will involve stricter scrutiny compared with the annual special summary revision. AFP

The special revision of electoral rolls will involve stricter scrutiny compared with the annual special summary revision (SSR), according to a senior EC official.

Under this, booth-level officers (BLOs) will conduct house-to-house verification, but voters will not be required to fill out any enumeration forms as is the case under the SIR exercise.

Instead, the BLOs will carry three forms, Statement 1, 2, and 3, according to the EC order sent to the Assam Chief Electoral Officer on Monday.

Statement-1 is a prefilled register containing the details of existing electors in their respective parts. The household will be the basic unit for conducting the house-to-house survey and to get the said details verified and corrected from the electors.

The details of D-Voters, or "doubtful" voters, shall be carried forward without any change, and any modification, including deletion or removal, shall be made upon receiving an order from the Foreigners' Tribunal or a court of law.

The BLOs would, in Statement-2, make entries of eligible citizens who are not yet enrolled and in Statement-3 of prospective electors who are more than 17 years of age and will be eligible for enrolment in the four quarters of 2026.

Qualifying date

January 1, 2026, will be the qualifying date for the State to carry out the special revision. According to the schedule, the door-to-door verification will take place from November 22 to December 20.

The integrated draft electoral rolls will be published on December 27 and the final rolls on February 10.

Amid accusations by the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, over a large number of voters having house number marked as zero and illegible photos on the rolls, specific instructions have also been given to ensure that houses with no numbers allotted should be given a "non-zero" notional number like 'N1' and so on, besides replacing blurred, poor quality, and "non-human" images from the rolls.

Nitish meets Governor as NDA prepares to form new government in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday met Governor Arif Mohammad Khan at the Raj Bhavan soon after chairing the last Cabinet meeting of his present government, during which a decision was taken to dissolve the Assembly.

The Assembly will be dissolved on Wednesday, and Mr. Kumar will tender his resignation.

He will be sworn in as Chief Minister again the next day at the oath-taking ceremony scheduled at the Gandhi Maidan in Patna, a senior Janata Dal (United) leader said.

Preparations for the ceremony have already begun at the Gandhi Maidan amid heavy deployment of police personnel, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in attendance.

Earlier, senior JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Choudhary, while coming out of the Raj Bhavan, said: "In the last meeting of the Cabinet, it was decided to dissolve the current Assembly on November 19 and Nitish*ji* has recommended this to the Governor."

BJP State president Dilip Jaiswal said, "The National Democratic Alliance Legislature Party meeting has been called on November 19 and after the meeting, we will submit the proposal to the Governor to form the government. On November 20, at Gandhi Maidan, the oath-taking ceremony will be held."

Nitish Kumar hands a letter recommending the dissolution of the Bihar government to Governor Arif Mohammad Khan in Patna. PTI

Mr. Modi, senior BJP leaders, Union Ministers such as J.P. Nadda, Rajnath Singh, and Amit Shah, and Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers of NDA and BJP-ruled States have been invited for the event, Mr. Jaiswal added.

JD(U) State president Umesh Singh Kushwaha said that after witnessing two decades of historic and unprecedented good governance, the people of Bihar had once again reposed their faith in Mr. Kumar's leadership with an overwhelming majority and entrusted him with the responsibility yet again.

Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) national president Santosh Kumar Suman said, "There will be a meeting of the NDA Legislature Party, in which a leader will be elected, who will then stake a claim to form the government. We will be part of the government as a constituent party of the NDA."

Revoke order appointing interlocutor, Bengal CM urges Modi

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reiterating her request to the Centre to revoke the appointment of a retired Indian Police Service officer as an interlocutor for holding discussions on issues related to the Gurkhas of the Darjeeling hills.

This is the second letter by Ms. Banerjee to Mr. Modi on the issue. On October 18, she had written a similar letter, expressing her reservations over the appointment of the interlocutor. "The present move by the Central government is not only unconstitutional but it also appears to be a politically motivated attempt to disturb the peace and stability of the region. The Government of West Bengal categorically rejects and strongly objects to this unconstitutional, arbitrary, and politically coloured interference in the internal affairs of the State," she wrote.

Citing the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Act, 2011, which governs the areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, she said the statute "expressly defines the government as the Government of the State of West Bengal", and therefore, "the Central government has no jurisdictional competence to appoint any representative or interlocutor in matters pertaining to these regions".

The Union Home Ministry had, on October 16, appointed retired IPS officer Pankaj Kumar Singh as the interlocutor to hold talks with representatives of political parties in the Darjeeling hills.

The appointment of Mr. Singh was welcomed by political parties in the Darjeeling hills, but the Chief Minister said it had been made without any consultation with the State government.

India-China ties improving, says Army chief

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday said India's relations with China had seen "a lot of improvement" since October last year, following consistent dialogue between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping to restore normalcy.

Gen. Dwivedi said the leadership-level engagements had focused on reviving talks and finding a resolution to the border stand-off. He noted that the agreement reached on the Line of Actual Control in October 2024 had been "beneficial" for India, adding that both Defence Ministers recently agreed to hold sustained border-level dialogue.

Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi speaks during the Chanakya Defence Dialogue in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Referring to India's military preparedness, the Army chief said Operation Sindoor was "just a trailer that ended in 88 hours", adding that India was ready for any future scenario. "If Pakistan gives a chance, we will teach it how to behave responsibly with a neighbouring nation," said Gen. Dwivedi, who was speaking at a private event.

He said each operation provided lessons and emphasised the need for faster decision-making across all levels. He also underlined the importance of integration among the forces, noting that "today's battles are multi-domain".

Highlighting the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir, Gen. Dwivedi said terrorist incidents had declined since the abrogation of Article 370. Reiterating India's stance on terrorism, he said, "Talks and terror can't go together; blood and water cannot flow together. We are committed to a peaceful process, and we will cooperate with it. Until then, we will treat terrorists and their sponsors alike."

He said India's "new normal" in counterterrorism would pose a challenge to Pakistan.

The Army chief said India's political leadership was determined to strengthen the nation's deterrence capabilities.

"In today's time, our deterrence is very strong. Our deterrence is working," he said.

RJD reviews results; Tejashwi made leader of Legislature Party

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The MLAs-elect of the Rashtriya Janata Dal on Monday elected Tejashwi Yadav as the leader of the Legislature Party.

This comes amid a rift in the family of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, after his daughter Rohini Acharya levelled serious allegations against the close aides of Mr. Tejashwi.

A review meeting was held with the MLAs-elect and the party's candidates who contested the Assembly election at the official residence of Mr. Tejashwi.

Mr. Lalu Prasad, former Chief Minister Rabri Devi, and former RJD State president Jagdanand Singh were also present.

"Lalu Prasad*ji* announced that Tejashwi Yadav*ji* must be given a free hand to take decisions. He also said that there would be no intervention from outside or inside the family," RJD spokesperson Shakti Singh Yadav said.

Raj Bhavan searched after 'arms' allegation by Trinamool MP

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

A bomb disposal squad and personnel from other security agencies searched the premises of the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata on Monday following Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee's allegation that West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose was "entertaining BJP criminals in Raj Bhavan and giving them arms and ammunition to go and attack Trinamool workers".

Mr. Bose himself participated in the combing exercise, and employees of the Raj Bhavan were evacuated during the process, a communication from the Raj Bhavan stated.

"Cutting short his outstation tour, HG (Honourable Governor) is returning to Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, today. On instructions of HG, a Joint Combing Operation will be carried out for the entire Raj Bhavan building and its precincts. The Joint Combing Operation will be led by HG himself," a press statement from the Raj Bhavan read.

It added that personnel from the Kolkata Police's Raj Bhavan police outpost, Central Reserve Police Force, bomb disposal squad, dog squad, and members of disaster management and civil defence participated in the exercise. The exercise was live-streamed.

Bomb disposal squad searches Raj Bhavan in the presence of Governor C.V. Ananda Bose. PTI

Mr. Banerjee made the remarks on Saturday, and the next day, the Governor invited the MP and members of the civil society to visit the Raj Bhavan and inspect to see if there were weapons on the premises.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari urged the Governor not to take Mr. Banerjee's remarks seriously.

Centre announces Gopal Ratna awards

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aravind Yashavant Patil, a farmer from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, won this year's National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA), constituted by the Union Animal Husbandry Ministry, for best dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds. Various awards in the dairy sector will be presented on November 26.

The Centre received 2,081 applications for this year's NGRA.

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The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited ("the Company") hereby informs that the Board of Directors of the Company at their Meeting held on 11th November 2025, have, inter-alia, considered and approved the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and 3 months ended 30th September 2025 ("Results") along with Limited Review Report issued by the Independent Auditor.

In compliance with the Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended from time to time), the aforesaid Results have been published on the website of the Company at **www.apmdc.ap.gov.in** and the Stock Exchange i.e., NSE India Limited **https://www.nseindia.com/** and the same are now being made available through Quick Response Code ("**QR Code**") given below:

For The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited
Sd/- SOMU SIVA RAMA KRISHNA
COMPANY SECRETARY & COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli Division, Amruthnagar-Konanakunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bangalore-560 062.

No.:EE/UHD/TEND/03/2025-26 Date:17.11.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through KPP Portal Only) (Two Cover Tender)

The Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli Division, BSCC invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highways or any State Government Organisations for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1.	Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper chamber, shoulder formation, side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected arterial, sub arterial and other important roads under Capital Support for special Infra projects (CSSIP) (Comprising of 4 works in GO BSCC Sl. No. 16, 17, 28, 29) Package No. CSSIP-UHD-01. Approximate Amount put to tender : **Rs. 2057.00 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 20.57 Lakhs.**
2.	Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper chamber, shoulder formation, side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected arterial, sub arterial and other important roads under Capital Support for special Infra projects (CSSIP) (Comprising of 5 works in GO BSCC Sl. No. 18, 19, 20, 21, 27) Package No. CSSIP-UHD-02 Approximate Amount put to tender : **Rs. 1873.00 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 18.73 Lakhs.**
3.	Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper chamber, shoulder formation, side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected arterial, sub arterial and other important roads under Capital Support for special Infra projects (CSSIP) (Comprising of 6 works in GO BSCC Sl. No. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30) Package No. CSSIP-UHD-03 Approximate Amount put to tender : **Rs. 2387.00 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 23.87 Lakhs.**

1) Tender documents can be downloaded from KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **2)** Pre-bid meeting: **27.11.2025 at 3.00 p.m. 3)** Last Date for receipt of tenders: **05.12.2025 upto 5.30 p.m. 4)** Opening of technical bids: **08.12.2025 after 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli Division, BSCC.

By E Mail/e-Despatch- E-Mail ID:serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318; Balia,Balasore

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE , BALASORE

"e"-Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No. Online Tender - Road N.C.B. No.46 for 2025-26

Letter No. 4110 / Date : 12.11.2025

1. Name of the Work : **MMSY-DRR Road**
2. Total No. of Work : **18 Nos. of work**
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E. R.W.Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No.-46 of 2025-26	19.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	09.12.2025 up to 5:00 P.M.	08.12.2025 up to 5:00 P.M.	10.12.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website:**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

O-1459: **Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.**

INBRIEF

Toll in stone quarry collapse in Uttar Pradesh rises to six

Five more bodies have been recovered from the rubble of a stone quarry that collapsed in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district, taking the death toll to six, officials said. Efforts to rescue labourers trapped under huge boulders at the quarry have gone on for nearly 48 hours now, with several people still believed to be under the debris. Uttar Pradesh Minister Sanjeev Kumar Gond and Robertsganj MP Chotelal Kharwar have claimed that around a dozen workers could be trapped in the rubble. Uttar Pradesh Minister Ravindra Jaiswal met the families of victims and said a three-tier inquiry will be conducted into the incident. He said each deceased worker's kin will receive around ₹20 lakh from the government. PTI

Anil Ambani skips second ED summons under FEMA

Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani did not appear before the Enforcement Directorate for the second time on Monday for recording his statement in connection with an inquiry under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). Mr. Ambani's spokesperson said the ED summons pertains solely to the recording of his statement and that he has offered to make himself available for the same, at any date and time suitable to the ED, via recorded video or virtual appearance. The ED had initially summoned the businessman on November 14, after which he offered to get his statement recorded via virtual appearance. The agency rejected the request and issued another summons for him to appear on Monday.

New digital schemes will 'de-unionise' workers: CWFI

The Construction Workers' Federation of India (CWFI) has questioned the launch of the Digital Labour Chowk portal and app, the establishment of Labour Felicitation Centres, and the new Online Building and Construction Workers Cess Collection Portal by the Union Labour Ministry. The federation said such schemes were being implemented without consultations with the trade unions and were intended to "de-unionise" construction workers and help employers. Citing "anti-worker implications" of the new measures, the CWFI demanded the Centre to immediately stop the roll-out of the schemes.

SC forbids grant of bail to accused in 'digital arrest' case

The Supreme Court on Monday forbade courts below from granting bail to accused persons who duped a 72-year-old woman lawyer out of her savings worth ₹ 3.29 crore through a "digital arrest" scam. Appearing before a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association, represented by its president, advocate Vipin Nair, said the scamers had sounded "very real" to her at the time. "We have to deal with these cases sternly so that the right message is sent. An unusual phenomenon needs unusual intervention," Justice Kant observed.

Trade impacts of climate action flagged at COP30

Developing countries, including India, demand that the impact of climate action on trade be given more prominence and discussed in future meetings; summit Presidency circulates summary

Jacob Koshy
BELEM

As world leaders begin ministerial consultations in the second and concluding week of COP30, developing countries, including India, have demanded that the impact of climate on trade be given more prominence and discussed in future climate meets.

The COP30 Presidency, late Sunday, made public a summary of 'positions' by various countries (without individually identifying them) to help evolve consensus.

The summary includes suggestions to have an annual dialogue on "climate change-related trade restrictive unilateral trade measures; discuss the cross-border impacts of climate policies; and hold round tables on the nexus between trade and climate change in 2026 and 2027, with outputs serving as inputs to the Global Stocktake (in 2028), according to a document that was circulated by the United Nations Presidency.

Divisions over climate policy and trade also threaten collective action on keeping carbon emissions from causing a temperature rise exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius, which scientists say is likely to be breached latest by 2030 given current emission trends and inadequate action by countries to rein in future emissions.

Global South: Indigenous activists participate in a climate protest during the COP30 summit in Belem on Monday. AP

Finance gaps

Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav is expected to make a 'national statement' at the COP, which will articulate India's latest position on these issues as well as gaps in finance that make adaptation as well as emission cuts challenging.

On Monday, COP30 President Andrei Lago presided over the launch of a 'Forum for Climate and Trade Cooperation. "It is a space for dialogue and solution-building at the intersection of trade and climate change," he remarked at the opening ceremony.

Trade and climate cut particularly close to India, with the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) set to come into full effect in January 2026.

CBAM is a levy that European importers must pay if they buy products from countries whose production emits more carbon dioxide per tonne than equivalent goods manufactured within the EU.

The Hindu had reported in October that Indian exporters of iron and steel to the European Union may have to pay about €301 million (approximately ₹3,000 crore) in Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) fees – the highest among all countries exporting similar products to the EU, citing an analysis by European non-profit think-tank Sandberg.

Through this forum, Brazil hopes to set in place a process whereby the simmering tensions between developed and developing countries concerning climate and trade can be bridged via a three-year process.

"Closing the distance between climate ambition and trade policy is indispensable to the emergence of a truly inclusive global economy. The Forum offers developing countries a unique platform to shape that convergence and to champion a more sustainable, just, and resilient model of global prosperity," Daouda Sembene, president and CEO, Africatalyst and Distinguished Nonresident Fellow, Center for Global Development, said.

Centre hikes print ad rates by 26% to offer 'revenue support'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The rate for black and white ads has been raised from ₹47.40 to ₹59.68 per sq. cm

The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry has approved a 26% increase in the rates for advertisements in print media to strengthen the media ecosystem.

"The government has decided to revise the rates of advertisement by 26%. The media rates for print media per sq. cm for one lakh copies of dailies in the black and white advertisement have been enhanced from ₹47.40 to ₹59.68, an increase of 26%. The government has also agreed to the recommendations of the Committee relating to premium rates to be offered for colour advertisements, preferential positioning," the Ministry said on Monday.

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) is a nodal media unit under the Ministry for undertaking publicity campaigns on behalf of various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India in various media vehicles, including print media, empanelled with the CBC for this purpose.

"The rates for release of advertisements in the print media by the CBC were last revised by the Ministry on the basis of the recommendations of the 8th Rate Structure Committee on January 9, 2019. The 9th Rate Structure Committee under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser (I&B) was constituted on November 11, 2021, for making recommendations regarding revision in rates for government advertisements in print media," it said.

The Committee, during its proceedings between November 2021 and August 2023, considered the representations from various newspaper associations of small, medium, and big category newspapers – Indian Newspaper Society, All India Small Newspapers Association, Small-Medium-Big Newspapers Society, and other stakeholders and submitted its recommendations on September 23, 2023.

The Ministry said raising advertisement rates for print media would offer crucial revenue support at a time of rising costs and growing competition from other platforms. The revised rates would help sustain operations, uphold quality journalism.

SC alarmed by liquor sold in 'pocket-size' tetra packs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday took stern exception to liquor being sold in small tetra packs, with one of the judges, Justice Surya Kant, mistaking a "pocket-size" sample packet for "juice".

The incident unfolded before the Bench, also comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, during a trademark dispute between the makers of two whiskeys.

A couple of the bottles and tetra packs were also handed over to the Bench to look and compare the alleged similarities in their label designs.

The court asked whether liquor should be sold in tetra packs at all. It said such packaging was both deceptive and dangerous.

Centre reviewing SC ruling on forest laws and tribal housing, says Minister

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government has to ensure that flagship scheme saturation programmes such as the PM-JANMAN (for particularly vulnerable tribal groups, or PVTG) and DAJGUA (for Scheduled Tribe villages) "continue to serve our tribal communities effectively", Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram has said.

The Minister said the government was studying a recent Supreme Court order that noted a conflict between the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and the Forest Conservation Act (FCA), which came in a case where PVTG villagers in Madhya Pradesh's Binega are trying to build PM-AWAS-sanctioned homes on forest land over which they already hold forest rights titles.

Jual Oram

On September 23, the court passed an order in the case explaining that even though the FRA (2006) provided for the government to undertake certain "non-forestry" activities for providing services and facilities, notwithstanding the FCA (1980) it noted that these prescribed activities did not explicitly include the construction of pucca housing. It asked the government to find a way forward where pucca dwellings on forest land do not come in conflict with the FCA.

"We have read the Supreme Court order and are in discussion with legal experts and Ministries involved. We need to ensure that flagship programmes like PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA continue to serve our tribal communities effectively," Mr. Oram told *The Hindu*, just as the government was celebrating the 150th birth anniversary year of tribal icon Birsa Munda by ramping up registrations under PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA programmes.

FRA benefits

Since the court order, there have been discussions in the Ministry about the potential impact of the court's observations on these programmes. One key feature of both these programmes is that they use the FRA coverage across the country as a means to identify habitations, villages, and communities of STs and saturate them with all basic government facilities like power, piped water, mobile network, and government-sanctioned housing under the PM-AWAS. Further, DAJGUA interventions include identifying FRA holders and planning entrepreneurial interventions for them as well.

"This is why the order might pose a challenge in the future for these programmes. The idea is to find FRA title holders and then bring benefits to them," one government official, who has previously worked on PM-JANMAN, told *The Hindu*.

The court is scheduled to take up the Binega villagers' case next in December.

Jaishankar holds talks with Russian counterpart

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Monday held extensive talks in Moscow with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, as part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi on December 5 for the 23rd annual summit.

Both countries are looking at firming up a number of agreements, initiatives, and projects to add more substance to the ties.

Mr. Jaishankar said India supported recent efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict. "An early cessation of the conflict and ensuring peace is in the interest of the international community," he noted.

The two sides also exchanged views on global issues.

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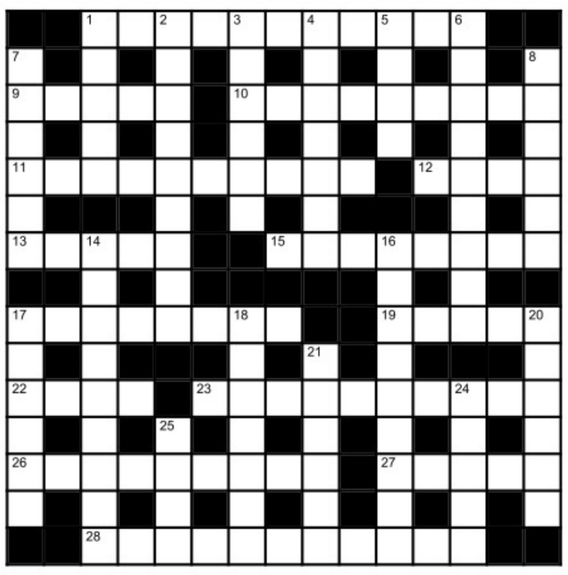

Across

1 Hidden a foam cudgel when travelling? (11)
9 Fliers going round air terminal getting drinks (5)
10 Had sample altered to produce light fitting (9)
11 Took away sailor's treatise lying with editor (10)
12 Chinese chairman consumes king fish (4)
13 Setter leaving China, travelling to get egg and tortilla chip (5)
15 Getting away from Spain and pacing around (8)
17 In front of barn, Indian woman endlessly pulped (8)
19 Behind mine, territorial army makes bread (5)
22 Between 1,100 and 1,000 billion to produce rocket propelled weapon (1,1,1,1)
23 Veerappan is excited to capture saint when releasing a race driver (10)
26 Chapati is rolled around old and large sausage (9)
27 Hot when full, but cold when initial two-fifths is thrown away (5)
28 Animals and pagan saint circle around heart of goddess (5,6)

Down

1 Revolutionary paramilitary organisation's game (5)
2 Rapidly increases hotel space in ship following Greek letter (9)
3 What you might need to do before removing shoes? Messily clean university first... (6)
4 After fifty one, male lovingly strokes molluscs (7)
5 With fuel, Henry makes wide cut (4)
6 Playwright admits art is destroyed (9)
7 Get damaged boat in (6)
8 Kelvin is captured by gnome sailing in river (6)
14 Awkwardly climb rung going to pieces (9)
16 Valued IDs appear to be forged (9)
17 Exchange cane (6)
18 Girl hugged by heartless animal is graceful (7)
20 Puts new napkin initially in soya sauce and irritates (6)
21 South African Bantu people and volunteers capture bird (6)
24 American tax authority is after Pennsylvania couples (5)
25 Furniture from El Paso factory (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Connection with the Lord

In Vishnu temples, devotees are offered holy water and tulsi leaves. The *satari* is also placed on their heads. There is a reason why these are offered. The water has touched the Lord's feet. So have the tulsi leaves. The *satari* represents His feet. So, in all three, we find a connection to His feet. We should consider ourselves as those who serve at His feet. To firmly establish this dasa bhava, we are offered things connected to His feet, explained Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse.

The Garuda Purana says worship of the Lord results in waves of our sins being destroyed. Bharata was determined to take Rama with him to Ayodhya. But Rama turned him away, asking him to do his duty. But Rama entrusted His sandals to Bharata, and the sandals were placed on the throne. This shows the significance of the Lord's feet. Vedanta Desika wrote an entire work on the Lord's sandals, titled Paduka Sahasram. The work Vishnu Tattva says tulsi leaves are sacred because they touched His feet. Periyazhvar in his *pallandu* verses says devotees wear His yellow robes, which He has worn and discarded. Periyazhvar says that he and other devotees only eat the leftovers, after the Lord has eaten. They wear the tulsi garlands that have adorned the Lord. Thus anything that is connected with Him is seen as divine and is bound to purify us. A sloka in the Bhagavad Gita says those who eat what is left after a yagna, they attain Paramatma. In the modern world we do not perform yagnas. So, for us, the daily *aradhana* that we do at home is the equivalent of yagnas. Whatever food we offer to the Lord at home becomes the equal of what is left after a yaga.

INBRIEF

NMIA to begin commercial operations from Dec. 25

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) has announced that it will begin commercial operations on December 25. In the first month, it will operate for 12 hours between 08:00 hrs and 20:00 hrs, handling 23 scheduled daily departures. During this period, the airport will manage up to 10 flight movements per hour. During the initial launch period IndiGo, Air India Express, and Akasa Air, will provide connectivity from Navi Mumbai to 16 domestic destinations.

Air India to restart Shanghai flights from Feb. 1 after 6 years

Air India on Monday became the second Indian airline to announce the resumption of flights to China, after a gap of nearly six years, with the Delhi to Shanghai service set to resume from February 1. The Delhi- Shanghai flights will operate four times a week. Air India said it will use its Boeing 787-8 aircraft, featuring 18 flat beds in Business Class and 238 spacious seats in Economy Class. The airline also plans to introduce Mumbai- Shanghai flights.

PayU gets RBI nod to operate as payment aggregator

PayU, a diversified fintech platform, said it had received integrated authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a payment aggregator across online, offline (physical) and cross-border transactions, including 'inward and outward', under the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act. The approval enables seamless payment acceptance, settlement and cross-border solutions for merchants across channels, PayU said.

Festive surge in gold imports drives trade deficit to $21.8 billion

India's total exports in October this year stood at $72.9 billion, a marginal decline from $73.4 billion in the same month last year

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

India's trade deficit surged 141% in October 2025 to $21.8 billion due to surging imports, driven in large part by a festival-related jump in gold imports, and subdued merchandise exports, official data showed.

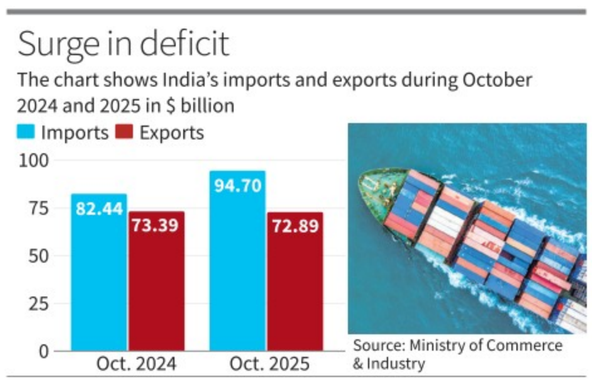
India's total exports in October 2025 stood at $72.9 billion, down marginally from $73.4 billion in October last year.

India's total imports jumped to $94.7 billion in October this year, compared with $82.4 billion in October 2024. As a result, the trade deficit grew to $21.8 billion in October this year from $9.05 billion last year.

"There are two things that have brought this increase in the trade deficit about," Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said at a press briefing. "The first is gold and the other is silver. The increase in gold imports has been phenomenal in October despite very high global prices."

"In silver also, the growth has been phenomenal," he explained. "If you combine these two, these account for the additional trade deficit."

"An uninterrupted rise in gold prices ahead of the festive season may have led to speculative demand which may not sustain going ahead, possibly leading to some cooling in the import numbers in the ensuing months," Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA said. "Nevertheless, the non-oil, non-gold imports rose by a substantial 12.4% year-on-year, led by fertilisers, machinery, electronic goods, non-ferrous metals, and silver."



'First tranche of BTA related to reciprocal tariffs to close soon'

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Talks on the reciprocal tariffs aspect of the proposed BTA derailed in August

In an indication that some of the trade tensions between India and the U.S. might be getting ironed out, a senior government official said on Monday that the first tranche of a trade deal between the two countries is "more or less near closure".

"Yes, we are engaged with the U.S. on the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), but as you are aware, the BTA has two parts in it," a senior official in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on the condition of anonymity as the talks are still ongoing.

"One part of it will take time," the official explained. "The other part is a package that can address reciprocal tariffs. We are working on both aspects, but the package that can address reciprocal tariffs is more or less near closure. We should get closure on that soon."

On Sunday, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal too said that "hopefully the U.S. deal will get finalised soon".

Talks on the reciprocal tariffs aspect of the proposed BTA were derailed in August following the levy of a total 50% tariff on imports from India. This included 25% tariffs imposed as a 'penalty' for India's oil imports from Russia.

In the wake of these tariffs, the sixth round of negotiations on the BTA, which was set to take place in New Delhi in the last week of August, was cancelled. Formal talks did not resume for 1.5 months.

However, Commerce Secretary and chief negotiator for India on the BTA Rajesh Agrawal travelled to Washington with his team for the sixth round of negotiations between October 15-17, indicating that tensions were easing.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,951	0.46
US Dollar	88.59	0.07
Gold	1,29,700	0.23
Brent oil	64.25	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2462.00	-54.80
Adani Ports	1507.60	-5.10
Apollo Hosp	7487.50	67.00
Asian Paints	2887.90	-18.50
Axis Bank	1249.60	8.00
Bajaj Auto	8945.50	102.50
Bajaj Finserv	2079.60	13.80
Bajaj Finance	1026.80	8.30
Bharat Elec	424.55	-2.30
Bharti Airtel	2112.20	11.50
Cipla	1535.60	3.50
Coal India	387.85	0.90
Dr Reddys Lab	1244.40	-1.60
Eicher Motors	6799.00	104.00
Eternal Ltd.	309.55	5.80
Grasim Ind	2790.30	6.90
HCL Tech	1606.40	11.80
HDFC Bank	996.55	6.95
HDFC Life	770.25	-3.45
Hindalco	807.15	3.50
Hind Unilever	2425.00	-2.70
ICICI Bank	1379.00	6.00
IntGlobeAvi	5873.00	-35.50
Infosys	1507.60	4.80
ITC	407.10	-1.05
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	312.00	-2.90
JSW Steel	1175.50	7.70
Kotak Bank	2102.90	23.20
L&T	4027.70	23.30
M&M	3734.90	36.30
Maruti Suzuki	15878.00	194.00
Max Healthcare	1121.60	18.50
NestleIndia	1270.30	-1.30
NTPC	330.20	1.75
ONGC	248.05	0.45
PowerGrid Corp	273.55	2.25
Reliance Ind	1518.30	-0.60
SBI Life	1996.00	-4.90
State Bank	973.35	5.50
Shriram Finance Ltd.	817.90	8.60
Sun Pharma	1763.90	6.80
TataConsumerProduct	1178.90	21.10
Tata Steel	173.17	-1.09
TCS	3102.20	-3.80
Tech Mahindra	1452.80	13.60
Titan	3868.60	39.40
Tata Motors PV	372.70	-18.50
Trent Ltd.	4404.60	13.40
UltraTech Cement	11778.00	-96.00
Wipro	244.05	-0.32

Finance panel submits report for 2026-31

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Sixteenth Finance Commission, chaired by economist Arvind Panagariya, has submitted its report to the President of India, the office of the President announced on Monday.

The Sixteenth Finance Commission's recommendations would apply for a period of five years beginning on April 1, 2026.

Emirates to offer Starlink WiFi on all aircraft over next two years

Jagriti Chandra
DUBAI

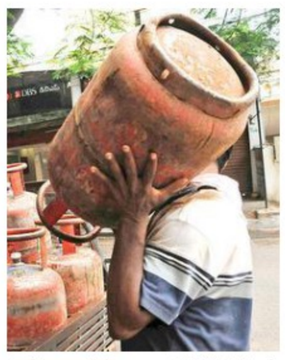
Emirates on Monday became the latest airline to offer Starlink WiFi on its aircraft. The airline will begin rolling out the feature later this week on one of its Boeing 777 aircraft, and across its in-service fleet of 232 aircraft by 2027.

Travellers will be able to stream content, make calls free of cost across all cabins, including economy class, on the ultra-fast Starlink service that delivers the same level of internet quality accessible on ground, it said.

(The reporter is covering Dubai Airshow 2025 on the invitation of flydubai)

Sugar output rises 48% YoY

India's sugar production has gathered pace, with mills producing 1.05 MMT of sugar since the 2025/26 season began on October 1, a 48% year-on-year increase, the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories said. REUTERS



India would source 2.2 MTPA of LPG from the U.S. Gulf Coast.

India oil firms bag first-ever U.S. LPG import deal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's public-sector oil companies have successfully concluded a one-year deal to import liquified petroleum gas (LPG) from the U.S. Gulf Coast, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

In a post on X, he said India would source about 2.2 million tonne per annum (MTPA) of LPG from the U.S. Gulf Coast for the contract year 2026 – making it the "first structured contract of U.S. LPG for the Indian market".

He added the deal would represent 10% of India's annual imports in the sector during 2026.

"A team of officials from Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum engaged in discussions with major U.S. producers over the last few months, which concluded now," he stated.

The move comes against the backdrop of India facing 50% tariffs on exports to the U.S. and many Indian Ministers' stating India would like to import more energy from the U.S.

(With inputs from T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan)

Respond to claims on properties for sale to Adani, SC to Sahara

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

SC gave Sahara and Centre four weeks to respond to petition.

The Supreme Court (SC) allowed Sahara Group to respond to a representation by amicus curiae, senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, that he received "at least 34 claims" to various properties which the company wanted to sell to Adani Properties Pvt. Ltd.

Appearing before a Bench of Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai and Justices Surya Kant and M. M. Sundresh, Mr. Naphade said Sahara India Commercial Corporation Ltd. (SICCL) did not disclose any of the 34 claims to the SC when it applied for permission to sell a total of 88 properties to Adani Properties.

He said the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) should have issued notices in newspapers, inviting objections to sale of the 88 properties. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Gautam Awasthi, appearing for Sahara, sought time for a response.

The SC gave Mr. Naphade four weeks to hand over a compilation of the 34 claims to Sahara and the Centre after which they would file separate responses to it in two weeks. The Ministry of Cooperation was impleaded as Sahara was involved in many cooperative societies.

'Permit outright sale'

SICCL sought SC's nod "to outright sell various properties belonging to the Sahara Group to Adani Properties Pvt. Ltd. for the consideration and on the terms and conditions as set out in the term sheet dated September 6, 2025".

SICCL said it and the Sahara Group faced great difficulty in being able to liquidate some of the assets. The proceeds were deposited in SEBI - Sahara Refund Account.

"Out of a total principal of ₹24,030 crore, the Sahara Group, by way of sale/liquidation of movable, immovable assets, realised approximately ₹16,000 crore and deposited the same in the SEBI," the application said.

SICCL argued it would "not be out of place to mention, as can be seen from previous orders passed by the SC, that though the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had tried on multiple occasions to sell/liquidate the assets of the Sahara Group, it was ultimately unable to liquidate any assets of the Sahara Group." The funds deposited in SEBI have been through the sole efforts of and with great difficulty by SICCL and the Sahara Group.

Mr. Awasthi said the proposed transaction was a breakthrough not only in unlocking substantial value from the Sahara Group's key immovable assets but also in ensuring compliance with the financial obligations.

Ashwini Vaishnaw

Centre okays '₹7,172-crore' electronic part projects

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) said it approved 17 new projects under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), where firms will receive incentive payouts pegged to turnover.

The projects have a cumulative proposed value of ₹7,172 crore. This is the second tranche of announcements, after seven projects were announced earlier this month.

"The basic objective [of the ECMS] is really to deepen the value chain in India," IT Secretary S. Krishnan said, "to ensure more electronics manufacturing takes place in India in components so that with a deepened value chain, as a part of a global value chain... we have deep enough roots that tomorrow even if labour costs rise, it's not as if the industry will move out. We have inbuilt competitiveness."

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw declared victory over 'naysayers' who, he said were 'proven wrong' over skepticism on the Centre's push on electron ics manufacturing.

A. Vellayan, former chairman of Murugappa Group, passes away at 72

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A. Vellayan

Arunachalam Vellayan, chairman emeritus of Coromandel International and ex-chairman of the Murugappa Group, passed away in Chennai after prolonged illness. He was 72.

He is survived by wife Lalitha Vellayan, sons Arun Vellayan and Narayanan Vellayan and grandchildren.

A distinguished business leader and a valued member of the Murugappa family, Mr. Vellayan dedicated several decades to the Group, providing strategic direction across its diversified businesses, said an official statement from the Murugappa Group.

His vision, integrity, and long-term approach to value-creation helped strengthen and expand the Group, contributing significantly to its reputation as one of India's most respected conglomerates, it said. Mr. Vellayan had served on the boards of various companies in Murugappa Group and additionally on the boards of companies such as Kanoria Chemicals & Industries Ltd., EXIM Bank and Indian Overseas Bank.

Mr. Vellayan had also held leadership positions in various industry and trade organisations, including Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Fertiliser Association of India, and Indian Sugar Mills Association.

He was the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode.

He was an alumnus of The Doon School, Shriram College of Commerce, Aston University, U.K., and University of Warwick Business School, U.K.

"As a business leader, he had a high level of business acumen and good grasp for men and matters. It is an irreparable loss for industry and the country and I would personally miss him greatly," said Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus, TVS Motor Company.

Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin condoled Mr. Vellayan's death saying, his passing was a loss to the State's industrial sector.

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Raj.Samwad/C/25/13988 RVUN/PR-4295 Chief Engineer (KSTPS)

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VPN2526WSOBO2164, 56, 57, 58, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 71, 72, 83, 73, 84, 74, 75, 76
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CHHABRA SUPER CRITICAL THERMAL POWER PROJECT, CHHABRA
E-TENDER NOTICE : TN-45 (RVU2526WSOB01596)
Online tenders are invited for Annual contract for collection/lifting & disposal of fly ash from 6x1000 MT RCC Main Silos /2x400 MT Intermediate Surge Hoppers (in case of emergency) of Unit #5 & 6, CSCTPP to CSCTPP Ash Dyke or any other designed place and spreading of the ash in ash dyke area. Tender details are available on websites **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
E- Tender No: IWAI/COCH/1/67/2025-26/37
Online bids are invited from resourceful and experienced firms / agencies for the Annual Maintenance of 24 hours Navigational System in NW - 3. **Estimated Cost:** ₹62.56 Lakhs (Excl. GST but including Labour Welfare Cess). **Tender Cost:** ₹5,900/-Tender download is from 17.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs. to 2.12.2025 at 15:00 hrs. **Last date for submission of online bids** 2.12.2025 up to 15:00 hrs. and online opening of bid is on 3.12.2025 at 15:30 hrs. All the relevant details shall be available in website **www.iwai.nic.in** and **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.** Further amendments / Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in above websites only. Bidders are advised to check the website before submitting the tender. Sd/- Director

SANTIAGO

Leftist, far-right candidates head to a presidential run-off in Chile

AFP

Leftist candidate Jeannette Jara and far-right leader Jose Antonio Kast will go head-to-head in Chile's presidential run-off after topping the first round of voting in an election dominated by fears of violent crime. Ms. Jara won 26.85% of votes against 23.93% for Mr. Kast in Sunday's poll, the Servel electoral service said. AFP

PARIS

Macron, Zelenskyy sign accord for Ukraine to buy French fighter jets

REUTERS

French President Emmanuel Macron and Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed an accord for Kyiv to acquire up to 100 Rafale fighter jets, a boost for Ukraine as it fights Russian hostility. The accord is not a purchase and sales contract and is to be realised "over a time frame of about 10 years", the Presidency added. AFP

TEL AVIV

Ahead of U.N. vote, Netanyahu says there can be no Palestinian state

REUTERS

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Sunday to oppose any attempt to establish a Palestinian state, a day before the UN Security Council planned to vote on a U.S.-drafted resolution on Gaza that leaves the door open to Palestinian independence. AP

JAKARTA

Landslides kill 18 in Indonesia's Java, search on for those missing

AFP

The death toll from three landslides that hit Indonesia's Java island since last week has risen to 18, with more than 30 people missing, a disaster official said on Monday. Searching for the missing victims remained among the top priorities, chief of the national disaster mitigation agency said. AFP

'We'll engage with all stakeholders' in Bangladesh, says India after verdict

'India has noted the verdict announced by the Tribunal concerning former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. As a close neighbour, India remains committed to the best interests of the people of Bangladesh,' says the Ministry of External Affairs

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs here on Monday said it has "noted" the verdict delivered by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) in Dhaka, and added that India will "constructively engage with all stakeholders" in Bangladesh.

The Tribunal on Monday sentenced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death for crimes against humanity over the state crackdown on the July-August 2024 student uprising. The Indian response came soon after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangladesh urged India to follow the spirit of the ICT's verdict and hand over both Ms. Hasina and Mr. Khan to Bangladesh to face justice for their actions.

Public furore: Students chant slogans near a vandalised mural of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the 2024 protest. AFP

"India has noted the verdict announced by the 'International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh' concerning former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. As a close neighbour, India remains committed to the best interests of the people of Bangladesh, including in peace, democracy, inclusion and stability in that country. We will always engage constructively with all stakeholders to that end," said the Ministry of External Affairs.

'Inhumane crimes'

Earlier, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh said Ms. Hasina and Mr. Khan had committed "inhumane" crimes and that sheltering such persons is an "extremely unfriendly behaviour".

"We call upon the Government of India to hand over these two persons to the authorities in Bangladesh without further delay. This is also a responsibility for India according to the existing extradition treaty between the two sides," said the Ministry.

In a statement sent to the media, Ms. Hasina described the ICT as "rigged" and said the tribunal's decision to give death sentence indicates "murderous intent of extremist figures" within the interim government.

Ms. Hasina defended her government's decision to deal with the protesters and said, "I mourn all of the deaths that occurred in July and August of last year, on both sides of the political divide. But neither I nor other political leaders ordered the killing of protesters."

'Nothing to hide', says Trump as he supports House vote for release of Epstein files

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Sunday he backed lawmakers' efforts to release more files related to sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, despite previous opposition to the measure. It is a rare example of Mr. Trump backtracking because of opposition within the party.

"House Republicans should vote to release the Epstein files, because we have nothing to hide," Mr. Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

The 79-year-old Republican has accused Democrats of pushing an "Epstein hoax" after emails emerged in which the disgraced financier suggested Mr. Trump "knew about the girls."

Donald Trump

Some critics have accused Mr. Trump of trying to conceal details about his own alleged wrongdoing–something the President denies–by looking to block the vote.

The issue has divided his typically loyal Republican party and driven a rift between Mr. Trump and some of his closest allies within his Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement.

Over the weekend, Mr. Trump withdrew his endorsement for Congresswoman and MAGA stalwart Marjorie Taylor Greene's 2026 re-election bid.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson has said he would hold a vote this week on a bid to force the Justice Department to release the remaining files relating to the Epstein probe.

"Some 'members' of the Republican Party are being 'used,' and we can't let that happen," Mr. Trump said, in reference to lawmakers who backed a call by Democrats to release the files.

Taiwan says China 'severely' impacting regional peace in escalating spat with Japan

Agence France-Presse
TAIPEI

Japanese retail and tourism shares dived after China warned its citizens to avoid the tourist hotspot

Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te said on Monday that China had "severely" impacted regional peace in its row with Japan, which was sparked by Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's remarks on Taiwan.

Mr. Lai called on Beijing to "show restraint, act like a major power, and not become the troublemaker" in the Asia-Pacific region, where peace and stability have been "severely impacted".

China claims Taiwan is part of its territory and has threatened to use force to bring the democratic island under its control. Taiwan, which has never been ruled by communist China, was a Japanese colony for 50 years until the end of World War II. While Japan does not recognise Taiwan's claim to statehood, Tokyo and Taipei maintain close unofficial ties.

Mr. Lai said: "China should return to the path of a rules-based international order, which would help maintain peace, stability and prosperity in the region."

The dispute between China and Taiwan dates back to 1949 when nationalist forces fled to the island after losing the Chinese civil war to communist fighters.

Japanese tourism and retail shares dived on Monday after China warned its citizens to avoid the tourist hotspot.

Mending ties

A senior Japanese official meanwhile arrived in China seeking to defuse the row sparked by Ms. Takaichi's suggestion that Tokyo could intervene militarily in any attack on the self-ruled island.

Masaaki Kanai, the director general of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asia and Oceania bureau, will meet his Chinese counterpart, Liu Jinsong, Japanese media reported.

Trump signals possible talks with Maduro amid tensions

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump suggested on Sunday that future talks with Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro could be on the table, as a regional U.S. military buildup has whipped up tensions between the countries.

Mr. Trump spoke after Washington further upped the ante by announcing plans to designate Cartel de los Soles, a cartel that it claims Mr. Maduro runs, as a foreign terrorist organization.

"We may be having some discussions with Mr. Maduro, and we'll see how that turns out," Mr. Trump told reporters in Florida, adding: "They would like to talk."

Saudi Arabia's MBS visits U.S. with defence, nuclear energy on agenda

Reuters
RIYADH/WASHINGTON

A visit by Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler to the White House for talks on Tuesday with U.S. President Donald Trump aims to deepen decades-old cooperation on oil and security while broadening ties in commerce, technology and potentially even nuclear energy.

It will be the first trip by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to the U.S. since the 2018 killing of Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents in Istanbul, which caused a global uproar. U.S. intelligence concluded that MBS approved the capture or killing of Khashoggi, a prominent critic.

All ears: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman speaks with U.S. President Donald Trump in Riyadh in May 2025. FILE PHOTO

The crown prince, widely known by his initials MBS, denied ordering the operation but acknowledged responsibility as the kingdom's de facto ruler.

Mr. Trump is seeking to cash in on a $600 billion Saudi investment pledge made during his visit to the kingdom in May.

The Saudi leader is seeking security guarantees amid regional turmoil and wants access to artificial intelligence technology and progress toward a deal on a civilian nuclear programme.

Saudi Arabia has also sought a defence pact ratified by the U.S. Congress in recent negotiations. But Washington has made that contingent on the kingdom normalising ties with Israel.

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC.13(2)

The Borrower/s: Mr. Srinivas C V, No. 79, PID No. 37-40-79, Khatha No 63, VIP Khatha No 453/678, 3rd "A" Cross Road, SVG Nagar, Malagala Village, Moodalapalya, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru - 560079.

Notice under section 13(2) read with Section 13(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You the addressee No. 1 herein have availed the following credit facilities from our Chandra Layout Branch and failed to pay the dues/ instalment/ interest/ operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the income Recognition and prudential norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-performing Asset as on 29/10/2025. As on 30/10/2025, a sum of **Rs.71,84,642.70 (Rupees Seventy-One Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two and Paise Seventy Only)** + further interest and charges at the contractual rate + incidental charges+ out of pocket expenses is outstanding in your account/s.

The particulars of amount due to the Bank from No. 1 of your in respect of the aforesaid account/s are as under:

Type of Facility	Outstanding amount as on date of NPA i.e. as on 29.10.2025	Un applied interest as on 30.10.2025	Penal interest (Simple)	Cost / Charges incurred by Bank	Total dues (in Rs.)
Union Home Loan 692106650000124	69,82,182.55	2,02,460.15	-----	-----	71,84,642.70
TOTAL					**71,84,642.70**

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, **Srinivas C.V** had executed documents on **05.03.2020** and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below:

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s:

(Description of Immovable property)

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No 79, PID No. 37-40-79, Khatha No 63, (Old VIP Khatha No. 453/678, situated at Malagala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently come under the BBMP Bangalore Ward No. 37, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet Totally measuring 1200 sq ft and Three storied residential building measuring total built up are of 2632.51 sf ft and bounded on the: **East By:** Property belongs to Original Owner; **West By:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma; **North By:** Property belongs to Narayanappa; **South By:** Road.

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As per section 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 11.11.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

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No. Sup/Diet/274/2024-25 Date: 15.11.2025

SHORT RE-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Short term Re-Tender for the supply of Prepared Diet food to the Associated Hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

The Short term Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for the supply of prepared Diet Food for In-patients of K.R. Hospital, Cheluvaba Hospital, P.K.T.B. & C.D. Hospital, Trauma Care Centre & Super Speciality Hospital which are associated hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru for the period of One year or until further orders (which ever is earlier). The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **17.11.2025** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **01.12.2025** upto 5.00 PM. Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected. If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean
Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysore

DIPR/MYSORE/SHIRDI SAI/1241/2025-26

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No: BSCC/EE/BD/Tend-01/2025-26 **Date: 17-11-2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BSCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BSCC or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / MES / Railways / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Work detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and Other Allied Works in Ward No. 213, 214, 216, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220 of Bommanahalli Sub Division and Arakere Sub Division. (G.O. Order No. UDD MNY 2025 (E), Benglauru, Dated: 03.11.2025) G.O. (Annexure-5) Sl.No. 47, 48, 49, 50. **Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 1500.00, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 15.00 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh to be Transferred through e-Portal & Rs. 14.00 Lakhs remaining Amount to be provided in the form of BG/ DD/ FDR)**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 24-11-2025. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **01-12-2025 at 11.00 AM in the Office of the Excutive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents **on or before 16.00 Hours on 06-12-2025. 4)** Technical Bid will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division on 08-12-2025 after 16.30 Hours onwards.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Bommanahalli Division, BSCC.

LIKELY TO SIT OUT

Gill not travelling with team to Guwahati, doubtful for Test

K.R. DEEPAK

Shubman Gill is unlikely to feature in the second Test against South Africa, with CAB sources confirming that he is not travelling to Guwahati with the team on Wednesday. "He has acute neck pain. He has been advised three-four days' rest and not to take the flight. He has to continue wearing the neck collar," the source said.

BELIEF

No matter who sits out, Proteas find a way to win: Rabada

FILE PHOTO

South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada is in awe of his team's ability to rebound from setbacks and "find a way to win". "No matter who sits out, we can still find a way to win. Skipper Temba Bavuma has been crucial for us, but he hasn't played every game. I haven't played this match," Rabada said after the Kolkata Test.

NO CHANGE

Cummins will lead Sunrisers for third consecutive IPL edition

FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Pat Cummins was on Monday appointed as captain of Sunrisers Hyderabad for third consecutive IPL season. SRH confirmed it on social media. Cummins took over SRH's captaincy from Aiden Markram in 2024 after he was bought by the franchise for a whopping ₹20.50 crore in the 2024 auction.

DUAL ROLE

Sangakkara to be Rajasthan Royals' head coach and director of cricket

FILE PHOTO

Rajasthan Royals on Monday confirmed that Sri Lanka legend Kumar Sangakkara will hold a dual role as head coach and director of cricket at the franchise in IPL 2026, with Vikram Rathour, who served as the batting coach last season, being promoted to assistant coach.

Arjun plays out a quiet draw with black pieces against Wei

The second-seeded Indian shares the point in a 31-move game; Yakkuboev scores the only win of the day as the two opening games in the quarterfinals end in stalemate

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

First strike: Yakkuboev proved too good for Donchenko and seized the crucial lead. FIDE

Fifty-nine minutes. Thirty-one moves.

That was all it took Arjun Erigaisi to draw the first game of the quarterfinals against China's Wei Yi at the Chess World Cup at Resort Rio here. After the easy draw with black pieces, the second seed now must be wanting to give his best shot at a win - and thus a place in the semifinals - with white pieces in their second classical game.

Two other games on the day ended in draws - between Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan and Jose Martinez Alcantara of Mexico; and Sam Shankland of the United States and Andrey Esipenko of Russia. Nodirbek Yakkuboev's win was the only decisive game of the day.

The Uzbek player beat Alexander Donchenko of Germany with white pieces, and he now needs just a draw in the second game to extend his dream run for another round. It is, of course, a must-win game for his rival if he wants to force a tie-break: a player needs to score at least 1.5 points from the two classical games to advance to the next round without playing the nerve-wracking tiebreaks of much shorter time controls. Time wasn't a problem on the top board in Game 1. Even less so for Arjun; he, in fact, finished with more time than he started with.

He yet again made his opening moves without any fuss, against the seventh seed, showing the kind of preparation he has had for this tournament. It was a Closed variation of Ruy Lopez, and the game tilted towards a draw pretty soon. Several pieces, including the queen were exchanged back-to-back, by the 18th move. And then it came down to a completely equal rook-and-pawn ending; the two men signed the inevitable peace soon.

Peace was hardly there in the day's only decisive game: it had been a struggle right through for Donchenko, playing from the black side of a King's Indian Defence; he found himself in a shaky position because of his inaccurate moves early on. Yakkuboev took advantage of that, kept on improving his position, gaining material and cornered the hapless black king, forcing the German to resign on the 44th move.

The results (quarterfinals, game one): Wei Yi (Chn) drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb) drew with Jose Martinez Alcantara (Mex); Sam Shankland (USA) drew with Andrey Esipenko (Rus); Nodirbek Yakkuboev (Uzb) bt Alexander Donchenko (Ger).

Temba Bavuma — of towering deeds and a giant-sized heart

SA IN INDIA

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

During the first Test between India and South Africa at the Eden Gardens here, stump mikes caught pacer Jasprit Bumrah using the word *bauna* (dwarf) while referencing Temba Bavuma during an lbw shout.

After the opening day's play, South Africa batting coach Ashwell Prince had said that there would be no discussion on the unflattering remark.

On Sunday, moments after the visitors notched up a historic 30-run win, Bumrah and Bavuma were seen having an affectionate chat. The mutual respect was evident, and it appeared there was space for a small note of apology as well.

This is Bavuma in a nutshell – unruffled and kind, and possessing a powerful magnetic pull that has come courtesy the sheer weight of his personality and massive deeds. The Kolkata Test, where South Africa lived up to the tag of the World Test Champion, was just the latest proof.

In a contest where no other batter crossed 39, the diminutive Bavuma scored an ultra-patient, match-turning half-century (55 n.o., 136b, 4x4). The 35-year-old then went against modern-day logic and trusted his lead spinner Keshav Maharaj, a left-armer, to excise the dangerous-looking Axar Patel, a left-hander. The marvellous high catch he held to dismiss Axar was the icing.

Calm and unruffled: Skipper Bavuma let his bat do the talking and led South Africa to an incredible victory. K.R. DEEPAK

"Having our best player back [after missing the Pakistan tour] brought calmness," said coach Shukri Conrad. "He went against the grain of everybody else in this match, and that was the difference between the two sides."

In fact, Bavuma has been the difference-maker ever since he was appointed South Africa's Test captain – the first Black man to hold the job – in early 2023. The Rainbow Nation has won 10 of the 11 Tests under him, and in those matches, he has been his side's best batter – 969 runs from 19 innings at an average of 57.00 with three centuries.

These are astonishing numbers, for when he wasn't the captain, he averaged 34.53 with one century from 54 matches.

"The captaincy... you are only as good as the players," Bavuma said after the victory. "Batting, I am just comfortable with myself. And technique, [I don't] worry about trigger and all those types of things. I stand as still as I can and watch the ball.

"I have come to India wanting to do well. There's a bit of that exuberance to keep contributing for the team."

At the end of the media briefing on Sunday, Conrad was asked if South Africa would take up the matter of Bumrah using the uncharitable term. Conrad took a breath, smiled, let out a grin and said: "Thankfully, he has the heart of the giant".

Hitesh stuns Okazawa, leads four other Indians into the semifinals

WBCF

Y.B. Sarangi
GREATER NOIDA

Tough bout: Hitesh, left, and Okazawa slug it out. PTI

Hitesh Gulia managed a 3-2 upset win over Olympian and World championships silver medallist Sewon Okazawa of Japan in a 70kg quarterfinal bout as India continued its domination on the second day of the World Boxing Cup Finals at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Indoor Stadium here on Monday.

Jadumani Singh (50kg), Pawan Bartwal (55kg), Sumit Kundu (75kg) and Naveen Kumar (90kg) also won their respective last-eight bouts to reach the semifinals and ensure medals. With both boxers adopting a cautious approach, Hitesh was lucky to convince three judges in the first two rounds despite his limited shots.

A stylish southpaw who displayed his gamesmanship and connected some good punches to take the third round 3-2, Okazawa lost in the overall scoring.

A Mike Tyson fan, Bartwal staved off a strong challenge from Kazakh boxer Altynbek Nursultan, the Brazil leg World Cup champion, to record a 5-0 victory and secure his maiden international medal.

Bartwal, who had impressed on his World championships debut in Liverpool, overcame his initial tentativeness to rely on his accurate punching as he took the first two rounds with an identical 4-1 verdict before securing the third convincingly.

Important results:
Quarterfinals: Men: 50kg: Izaz Omer (Aus) bt Slominski Bogdan (Pol) 4-1, Jadumani Singh bt Nurzat Ongarov (Kaz) 5-0. **55kg:** Ellis Trobridge (Eng) bt Yelmir Nabiiev (Ukr) 3-2, Pawan Bartwal bt Altynbek Nursultan (Kaz) 5-0; **60kg**: Seiitbek Munarbek Ullu (Kgz) bt Brach Pawel (Pol) 5-0. **70kg:** Hitesh Gulia bt Sewon Okazawa (Jpn) 3-2, Yurii Zakharieiev (Ukr) bt Kan Chia Wei (Tpe) 3-2, Nurbek Mursal (Kaz) bt Ikhriiar Nishonov (Kgz) 3-2; **75kg**: Javokhir Abdurakhimov (Uzb) bt Aman Konsbekov (Kaz) 4-1, Sumit Kundu bt Kim Hyeonate (Kor) 5-0. **90kg:** Tutak Adam Jakub (Pol) bt Abduljabbar Ammar (Ger) 4-0, Nusratbek Tokhirov (Uzb) bt Bogdan Tolmachov (Ukr) 4-1, Naveen Kumar bt Bekzat Tangatar (Kaz) 5-0.

AI pilot project to enhance sport's integrity: van der Vorst

Y.B. Sarangi
GREATER NOIDA

The outgoing World Boxing (WB) president Boris van der Vorst on Monday said that the new apex body for amateur boxing, which is tasked to conduct the sport in 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, is working on an Artificial Intelligence (AI) pilot project to ensure the competition's integrity.

"The main challenge still is the competition's integrity. I hope with exploring modern technology we are able to engage, for example AI in bout reviews, so that we restore the trust of fans, boxers, coaches and everyone involved that only the best boxer's hand is raised," van der Vorst said on the side-lines of the World Boxing Cup Finals here.

"We are now piloting with AI and providers in getting a bout review and, hopefully, that will be finished when we are in LA. I cannot promise anything but I can only tell you it's important that we keep developing as a sport, that's the only way to show that you're relevant."

The WB chief said the qualification process for LA28, which has not been fully finalised, will be a combination of continental qualifiers and world qualifiers.

van der Vorst. FILE PHOTO

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van der Vorst listed funding and getting several other unaffiliated national and international federations on WB's side as some major challenges for the global body.

While calling upon boxing stakeholders in India to work together, the WB president expected the country's boxers to land medals in the 2028 and 2032 Olympics.

Sinner caps an eventful season with emphatic win

Fairytale run: Sinner has won 31 successive matches on indoor hard courts. REUTERS

ATP FINALS

Agence France-Presse
TURIN

Jannik Sinner retained the ATP Finals title on Sunday after beating Carlos Alcaraz 7-6(4), 7-5 to end a turbulent season with victory over his great rival.

The Italian brought the house down in Turin by winning the championship match fans wanted to see, adding the prestigious year-ending tournament to the Australian Open and a landmark triumph at Wimbledon this season.

Sinner has now won 31 straight matches on indoor hard courts, a run which stretches back to the 2023 championship match at Turin's Inalpi Arena which he lost to Novak Djokovic.

The final was an attritional affair, with each player rock-solid on serve until an enthralling tiebreak at the end of the first set.

Sinner took the lead, thanks to a brilliant lob which set up set point, and he made no mistake with a service missile.

Though Sinner immediately handed Alcaraz the advantage with two double-faults which helped hand his opponent a break of serve at the start of the set, the Italian broke back in game six to put the crowd on its feet.

And Sinner collapsed to the ground in joy when Alcaraz sent a backhand wide on the first championship point, before heading into the stands to share his joy with his family amid the roars of the crowd.

INBRIEF

Portugal and Norway are heading to the Americas

Portugal booked its ticket to the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a 9-1 win over Armenia on Sunday, while an Erling Haaland brace rubber-stamped Norway's place in the global showpiece as it romped to a 4-1 victory in Italy. Ireland sewed up a playoff place thanks to Troy Parrott's 96th-minute hat-trick goal handing it a 3-2 win over third-placed Hungary. Italy needed a miracle to pip Norway to first place in Group I due to the visitor's better goal difference.

The results: Group D: Azerbaijan 1 (Dadasov 4) lost to France 3 (Mateta 17, Akliouche 30, Magomedaliyev 45-og); Ukraine 2 (Zubkov 83, Hutsuliak 90+3) bt Iceland 0. **F:** Portugal 9 (Veiga 7, Ramos 28, Neves 30, 41, 81, Fernandes 45+3-pen, 52, 72-pen, Conceicao 90+2) bt Armenia 1 (Spertsyan 18); Hungary 2 (Lukacs 4, Varga 37) lost to Ireland 3 (Parrott 15-pen, 80, 90+6). **I:** Italy 1 (Esposito 11) lost to Norway 4 (Nusa 63, Haaland 78, 79, Strand Larsen 90+3); Israel 4 (Turgeman 21-pen, Revivo 65, E. Peretz 85, Baboglo 88-og) bt Moldova 1 (Nicolaescu 37). **K:** Albania 0 lost to England 2 (Kane 74, 82); Serbia 2 (Katai 49, Stankovic 60) bt Latvia 1 (Gutkovskis 12).

Congo books berth in intercontinental playoffs

Congo made the FIFA World Cup intercontinental playoffs after beating Nigeria in a Sunday night penalty shootout. Chancel Mbemba struck the decisive spot-kick to seal a 4-3 shootout victory.

The result: Nigeria 1 (Onyeka 3) drew with Congo 1 (Elia 32); *Congo won 4-3 on penalties.*

SNAPSHOTS

Gurpreet wins silver

Olympian Gurpreet Singh won the silver in the 25m centre fire pistol, losing out on gold on fewer inner 10s to Ukraine's Pavlo Korostylov on the final day of competition at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo.

Gurpreet shot a total of 584-18x in the precision and rapid stages but Korostylov's 29 inner 10's and a perfect score of 100 in the final rapid round helped him edge ahead. After the precision stage, Gurpreet, who was ninth, fought back on Monday with a score of 296 in rapid. In contrast, Harpreet Singh, second at the end of day one, could only manage 286-6x in rapid to finish ninth.

India ended third in the competition with 13 medals including three gold, six silver and four bronze. China finished on top with 21 medals including 12 gold. South Korea is placed second with 14 medals.

Anuya wins women's 10m air pistol gold

Anuya Prasad gave herself a birthday present while Pranjali Prashant Dhumal added to India's joy as the duo completed a 1-2 finish in the women's 10m air pistol event at the Deaflympics in Tokyo on Monday. Anuya amassed 241.1 and in the process set a Deaf Final World Record on way to gold. Pranjali, who had registered a Qualification World Record score of 572, scored 236.8 to finish second. In the men's event, Abhinav Deshwal, who equalled the Qualification World Record with a score of 576, won silver to take India's medal tally in shooting to seven after two days of competition. Abhinav shot 235.2 to finish behind Korea's Tae Young Kim, who took the top spot with a 238.2.

Rohith slams ton for Karnataka

Bengaluru: A.A. Rohith (101, 204b, 11x4) helped Karnataka gain the first-innings lead over Uttarakhand on the second day of a BCCI Cooch Behar under-19 trophy match at Alur (1) ground.

The scores: Uttarakhand 202 in 81.2 overs (Nishu Patel 39, Akash Kumar 30 n.o., Hakeem Puthige 3/34, B.R. Rathan 3/37) and 0/0 in 1 over vs. Karnataka 235 in 90 overs (Vaibhav Sharma 45, A.A. Rohith 101, Priyanshu Singh 3/44).

Karnataka downs Tripura

Karnataka whipped Tripura by eight wickets in the BCCI men's under-23 State 'A' trophy match at Jaipur.

The scores: Tripura 184/8 in 50 overs (Saptajit Das 36, Sahil Sultan 36, Swarab Sahani 34 n.o., Manvanth Kumar 4/42) lost to Karnataka 186/2 in 18.5 overs (Dhruv Prabhakar 84, Aneeshwar Gautam 78 n.o.).

Kickstart runs riot

Kickstart FC blanked FC Real Bengaluru 6-0 in the KSFA Super Division football league on Monday.

The results: Kickstart FC 6 (Borish Singh 24, 34, Godwin Johnson 27, 90, Rakesh Singh 58, R. Rahul 87) bt FC Real Bengaluru 0; ASC & Centre FC 2 (Adil Abbas 64, Krishnakant Singh 90) bt Agniputhra 0; FC Bengaluru United 1 (K. Lijo 8) bt United Stars FC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Asia Cup Rising Stars: Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 3 p.m.;
India-A vs Oman, 8 p.m.
Chess World Cup: FIDE YouTube Channel, 3 p.m.
European WC Qualifiers: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Smaran's regal double puts Karnataka in control

The batter's unbeaten 227 helps the home side declare its innings at 547 for eight; Shreyas (62) and Shikhar (59) chip in with crucial knocks; Chandigarh ends the second day at 72 for four

RANJI TROPHY

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
HUBBALLI

Like a Swiss watch, Ravichandran Smaran ticked on to an unbeaten career-best 227 (362b, 16x4, 2x6) for Karnataka to declare its first innings on 547 for eight on the second day of its Elite Group-B fifth-round Ranji Trophy match against Chandigarh at the KSCA Stadium here on Monday.

The double hundred arrived as inevitably as a tide returning to shore. Soon, his unbeaten 220 against Kerala - his previous best - was bound to be left behind, a milestone passed in stride. And just as a tidy 250 edged into view, the declaration arrived.

Chandigarh was reduced to a spent campfire after his gentle, reined-in 544-minute epic.

Smaran extended his sixth-wicket partnership with Shreyas Gopal (62, 147b, 5x4) to 141, and then added 111 for the eighth wicket with Shikhar Shetty (59, 122b, 7x4). He punched off the back foot for a four to the cover boundary off left-arm spinner Nishunk Birla, cover-drove off-spinner Vishu Kashyap and pacer Jagjit Singh Sandhu for a couple of fours, and straight-drove leg-spinner Arjun Azad for another. Then, he burst down the track and smacked a midwicket six off Nishunk.

Simply fabulous: Smaran has been in terrific form with the bat this season. KIRAN BAKALE

Shreyas produced a fine swivel-pull, threading it between backward square-leg and fine-leg off pacer Raj Bawa for a four. Shikhar lofted Vishu to long-off and midwicket, collecting a pair of fours.

With the ball, Shreyas beat opener Shivam Bhambri (16) on the outside edge to bowl him, pinned Vishu (5) leg before, and had Nikhil Thakur (1) caught behind, leaving Chandigarh reeling at 72 for four at stumps.

Off-spinner Mohsin Khan accounted for opener Arjun Azad (32), who missed a sweep and was cleaned up.

Chandigarh didn't help itself either, with four dropped catches and three misfields that leaked fours over the two days.

The scores:

Karnataka — 1st innings: K.V. Aneesh c Nikhil b Bawa 2, Mayank Agarwal b Jagjit 9, K.L. Shrijith lbw b Nishunk 17, Karun Nair lbw b Taranpreet 95, Ravichandran Smaran (not out) 227, Abhinav Manohar lbw b Nishunk 11, Shreyas Gopal lbw b Vishu 62, Vidyadhar Patil b Jagjit 30, Shikhar Shetty c & b Vishu 59, Mohsin Khan (not out) 5; Extras (nb-2, b-24, lb-4): 30; Total (for eight wkts. decl. in 160 overs): 547.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-13, 3-64, 4-183, 5-210, 6-351, 7-427, 8-538.

Chandigarh bowling: Jagjit 24-4-70-2, Bawa 16-4-49-1, Vishu 50-6-141-2, Nishunk 46-1-159-2, Taranpreet 20-0-80-1, Arjun 3-0-16-0, Kaushik 1-0-4-0.

Chandigarh — 1st innings: Shivam Bhambri b Shreyas 16, Arjun Azad b Mohsin 32, Vishu Kashyap lbw b Shreyas 5, Manan Vohra (batting) 14, Nikhil Thakur c Shrijith b Shreyas 1; Extras (b-4): 4; Total (for four wkts. in 17.4 overs) 72.

Fall of wickets: 1-41, 2-53, 3-58, 4-72.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 2-1-4-0, Vidyadhar 4-1-23-0, Mohsin Khan 6-0-23-1, Shreyas 4.4-0-18-3, Shikhar 1-1-0-0.

RANJI SCORES — ROUND 5 (DAY TWO)

Elite: Group A: Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 328 in 112.3 overs (Sharandeep Singh 115, Virat Singh 41, Sahil Raj 50, K.V. Sasikanth 4/67, Saurabh Kumar 4/77) vs. Andhra 224/2 in 60 overs (Abhishek Reddy 103 batting, K.S. Bharat 51, Shaik Rasheed 58).
Bhubaneswar: Odisha 275 in 104.4 overs (Biplab Samantray 92, Anil Parida 118 n.o.) & 16/2 in 6.5 overs vs. Nagaland 161 in 57.3 overs (Dega Nischal 72).
Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu 455 in 136.3 overs (B. Indrajith 149, C. Andre Siddarth 121, G. Ajitesh 86, Sonu Yadav 44, Kartik Yadav 5/103) vs. Uttar Pradesh 87/1 in 33 overs (Abhishek Goswami 54 batting).
Nagpur: Vidarbha 169 & 126/3 in 43 overs (Atharva Taide 40, Dhruv Shorey 61) vs. Baroda 166 in 72.2 overs (Vishnu Solanki 59 n.o.).
Group B: New Chandigarh: Maharashtra 350 in 113.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 74, Arshin Kulkarni 133, Gurnoor Brar 4/115) vs. Punjab 125/4 in 47 overs.
Rajkot: Saurashtra 585/7 decl. in 150 overs (Harvik Desai 45, Jay Gohil 68, Arpit Vasavada 81, Prerak Mankad 155, Sammar Gajjar 116, Hetvik Kotak 50 n.o., Darshan Misal 4/195) vs. Goa 125/2 in 30 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 75 batting).
Indore: Kerala 281 in 114.4 overs (Abhishek Nair 47, B. Aparajith 98, Abhijith Praveen 60, Arshad Khan 4/54) vs. Madhya Pradesh 155/6 in 61 overs (Saransh Jain 41 batting).
Hubballi: Karnataka 547/8 decl. in 160 overs (Karun Nair 95, R. Smaran 227 n.o., Shreyas Gopal 62, Shikhar Shetty 59) vs. Chandigarh 72/4 in 17.4 overs.
Group C: Kalyani: Assam 200 in 80.2 overs (Swarupam Purkayastha 62, Sumit Ghadigaonkar 53) vs. Bengal 267/4 in 67 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 66, Shakir Habib Gandhi 58, Anustup Majumdar 43, Shahbaz Ahmed 61 batting).
Valsad: Tripura 136 vs. Railways 446/9 in 127 overs (Kush Marathe 78, Mohammad Saif 158, Bhargav Merai 160, Abhijit Sarkar 4/69).
Dehradun: Gujarat 324/8 decl. in 88.4 overs (Abhishek Desai 99, Jaymeet Patel 100, Kshitij Patel 61 n.o., Jagmohan Nagarkoti 4/65) & 5/0 in one over vs. Uttarakhand 272 in 74.3 overs (Aarav Mahajan 47, Kunal Chandela 116, J. Suchith 40).
Lahli: Services 205 & 122/4 in 58 overs vs. Haryana 111 in 43.2 overs (Amit Shukla 8/27).
Group D: Mumbai: Mumbai 630/5 decl. in 147 overs (Musheer Khan 84, Akhil Herwadkar 86, Siddhesh Lad 170, Sarfaraz Khan 67, Akash Anand 107 n.o., Shardul Thakur 56 retd. hurt) vs. Pondicherry 43/4 in 12 overs.
Nadaun: Chhattisgarh 585/6 decl. in 158 overs (Aayush Pandey 59, Anuj Tiwary 162, Sanjeet Desai 84, Amandeep Khare 101 n.o., Mayank Verma 112) vs. Himachal Pradesh 37/1 in 11 overs.
Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir 170 & 275/4 in 71 overs (Qamran Iqbal 50, Vivrant Sharma 45, Abdul Samad 77 batting, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 82 batting) vs. Hyderabad 121 in 39.2 overs (Rahul Singh 48, Auqib Nabi 4/39, Sunil Kumar 5/29).
Rajsamand: Rajasthan 570/7 decl. in 161 overs (Sachin Yadav 130, Kunal Singh Rathore 102, Mahipal Lomror 128 n.o., Kartik Sharma 120) vs. Delhi 8/0 in four overs.
Plate: Patna: Mizoram 509 in 136.5 overs (Sahil Reza 70, Armaan Jaffer 193, Jehu Anderson 62, Joseph Lalthankhuma 101) vs. Bihar 240/1 in 47 overs (Mangal Mahrour 101 batting, Ayush Loharuka 117 batting).
Surat: Meghalaya 430 in 115.4 overs (Ajay Duhan 102, Rahul Dalal 151) vs. Manipur 180/4 in 58 overs (Al Bashid Muhammed 52 batting, Kangabam Priyojit 49 batting).
Rangpo: Arunachal Pradesh 91 & 74/7 in 37.5 overs vs. Sikkim 514/7 decl. in 121.1 overs (Ashish Thapa 112, Amit Rajera 126, Gurinder Singh 102 n.o., Kranthi Kumar 80).

Amit Shukla (Services, 8/27). FILE PHOTO

Winning Ranji is my priority: Smaran

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
HUBBALLI

Karnataka's Ravichandran Smaran, who struck an unbeaten 227 against Chandigarh, said it was "very easy" to bat with Karun Nair and that he benefits from Karun's constant guidance.

"If two spinners are bowling, Karun puts so much pressure on them. Having him in our team is really a blessing," he said.

On his pre-season preparation, Smaran said: "I think winning the Ranji Trophy has always been my priority, because we haven't been able to win it for 10 years. So, there was a special focus on the preparation for the red-ball season. To convert those starts into big scores was the main focus. I worked with my coach Syed Zabiullah, looking to take the game deep."

Longer wait: KSCA election candidates Venkatesh Prasad, Sujith Somasunder and Vinay Mruthyunjaya at the media briefing. J. ALLEN EGENUSE

KSCA elections postponed to December 30

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) elections have been postponed to December 30. The elections were due to be held on November 30.

A notice issued by the KSCA office of the Electoral Officer stated that "elections cannot be conducted at this stage without removing the doubts among members", and thus the election process must be deferred to December 30.

Former India cricketer Venkatesh Prasad, candidate for the post of KSCA president, stated that he was "shocked to hear that the elections were deferred".

For the president's post, Prasad will contest against K.N. Shanth Kumar, Director of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Limited.

Shanth Kumar, part of 'Team Brijesh', is backed by former India cricketer and administrator Brijesh Patel. A representative from 'Team Brijesh' stated that the deferment of the KSCA elections was "completely unexpected".

"We want the elections to be held as per the original schedule," the 'Team Brijesh' representative said.

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2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು / ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಡಾ॥ ಬಿ.ಆರ್ ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪೂರ್ವ/ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳು/ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳು, ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡಗಳ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳು/ ಆಶ್ರಮ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಸತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಘದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮೊರಾರ್ಜಿದೇಸಾಯಿ/ ಕಿತ್ತೂರು ರಾಣಿ ಚೆನ್ನಮ್ಮ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆ ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತೆಲಗರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ದತ್ತಾಂಶ ನಮೂದು ಸಹಾಯಕರು/ ಅಡುಗೆಯವರು/ ಅಡುಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಕರು/ ರಾತ್ರಿಕಾಲುಗಾರರು/ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರು/ ಸ್ವಚ್ಚತೆಗಾರರು/ಶುಶ್ರೂಷಕಿಯರು/ಕಛೇರಿ ಜವಾನರುಗಳ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ, **ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್** ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.11.2025 ರಿಂದ 08.12.2025 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ** ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ	ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ
01	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ	ರೂ. 9,45,00,0000/-	ರೂ. 14,17,500/-

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ನಂ.21/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಜೆಲ್ಲೇಟಾ ಟವರ್, ಮಿಷನ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಸಂಪಂಗಿರಾಮನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560027 ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **080-22240448/ 22240449** ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೦ಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಕಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/3848/2025-26

भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE : No. 10, EAST END MAIN ROAD, 4th 'T' BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560041

No. RO KA-32.0011.0/29/2025-CON-RO KA
Date: 16.11.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice

जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, दो वर्षों के लिए नियमित **एफएसडी बोम्मापुर** में हैंडलिंग और आंतरिक परिवहन अनुबंध के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। बोली **27.11.2025 को दोपहर 2:00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी है।

एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **"www.fci.gov.in"** और **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर उपलब्ध हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।

Online Tenders are invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM Portal for Regular **Handling and Internal Transport Contract at FSD Bommapur** for 2 years. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 27.11.2025.**

NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in"** & **"https://gem.gov.in"**. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in.**

महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (Karnataka)

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Tel: 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax:080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/148/2025-26 Date: 15/11/2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E- Procurement Portal)

Subject : The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the various Construction works at Chamundhi vihara district stadium Mysuru of Karnataka

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Construction of a retaining wall for the womens sports hostel at Chamundi Vihara District Stadium Mysore, Installation of basketball court, poles and fencing in the womens dormitory. Renovation of volleyball court, Installation of chain link fence and LED (Category-1 reserve tender)	Rs 62.37 Lakhs	Rs 62,374.00	01-12-2025 Time 16:00 hrs	02-12-2025 Time 16:30 hrs
2	Renovation of Mini Indoor Stadium at Chamundi Vihara District Stadium, Mysuru	Rs 41.58 Lakhs	Rs 83,162.00	01-12-2025 Time 16:00 hrs	02-12-2025 Time 16:30 hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn)
Department of Youth Empowerment and sports
[Tender Inviting Authority]

DIPR/CP/3855/SSC/2025-26